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Albanese: The mayor failed kids

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Mayor Bloomberg cost school kids hundreds of millions of dollars because he played hooky when he should have been at the bargaining table with teachers, claims long-shot City Hall candidate Sal Albanese, who says he would have made sure to bring home the bacon.



Albanese, a former teacher who taught health at the John Jay High School in Park Slope, said he would have hammered out a deal with the union by actually attending the negotiations instead of just bad-mouthing teachers — a tactic he claims has been Mayor Bloomberg's modus operandi for years.

"It never would have gone this far," said Albanese, who once rep-

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Safety net

Scaffolding alongside the old Red's Warehouse building on Strickland Avenue between Mill Avenue and E. 60th Place fell on Sunday — and came to rest — on power lines. No one was injured, according to an FDNY spokesman.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

PARK PERK POACH

CB chairpersons' spaces axed

BY COLIN MIXSON

The perk stops here.

The city is yanking the decades-old parking permits that allowed the 59 chairpersons of its community boards the right

to park for free on metered city streets.

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Brooklynites safely dispose of old electric gear at Prospect Park

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

That giant desktop computer and 17-inch monitor you bought in 2003: \$2,200

The iPad Mini you got to replace it this week: \$329

Recycling the bucket of bolts instead of throwing it out: priceless.

Hundreds of Brooklynites brought their old or broken electronic gadgets to Prospect Park on Sunday and donated them to a company that promises the machines won't end up in landfills.

Workers for the Lower East Side Ecology Center collected nearly 14,000 pounds of used equipment — about the weight of a full-grown African elephant — and say they'll take the printers, cellphones, computers, monitors, and television sets to a recycling center in New Jersey where they'll be stripped of valuable, and potentially dangerous, parts and recycled, or be refurbished and re-sold.

Either way, they won't end up in a garbage dump, which residents say is the reason they showed up.

"Most people will just throw their electronics away and not care where it goes," said Bensonhurst resident Richard Lau. "At least here we have an idea of how they will be broken down and re-purposed for a different usage."

The recyclers say that the electronics contain substances including plastic, glass, steel, along with small quantities of gold, silver and other valuable metals that can be extracted and reused.

The devices may also contain potentially hazardous substances like lead



and mercury that can do damage to the environment if not properly disposed.

"A lot of these (electronics) have toxic materials in them and heavy metals and if they wind up in our landfills they could pollute our air and water," said Christine Datz-Romero, the co-founder of the organization, who added that an old-32-inch television with a cathode-ray tube can contain about four to six pounds of lead, and residents should understand that stuff like that should not be allowed to seep into our water supply.

"We all have to do our part," she said. "We either mine our trash for valuable materials or we rip a hole in

the ground and mine that way — I think the way of the future is to mine our trash for materials because that's just more effective."

Datz-Romero added that her company accepts old electronics every Tuesday through Saturday at its drop-off center on President Street between Nevins and Third avenues.

Lower East Side E-waste drop-off center [469 President St. between Nevins and Third avenues, (718) 858-8777, www.lesecologycenter.org]. Accepts old electronics Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 am until 5 pm, on Wednesdays from noon until 7 pm, and on Saturdays from 10 am until 4 pm.



RESPONSIBLY DISPOSING: (Clockwise from left) Richard Lau of Bensonhurst brought his old printer to Prospect Park on Sunday for the recycling event. (Top) Employees gather discarded gadgets. (Above) 3-year-old Ophelia Spong of Park Slope brought her dad's old keyboard.

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UNDER FIRE: Borough Republican leaders are blasting state Sen. Marty Golden's support for the state's tough new gun laws.

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Golden under gun over his gun vote

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Brooklyn Republican leaders are up in arms over state Sen. Marty Golden's support for New York's tough new gun law.

Golden (R-Bay Ridge) voted for what some consider the nation's most restrictive gun law on Jan. 14, which would require background checks for assault rifle sales and limit ammunition magazines at seven rounds — a decision that triggered a blast of criticism from members of the five-term senator's political base, who claim Golden is putting helpless New Yorkers in the crosshairs of violent psychopaths.

"I wanted to convey my club members' disgust with your vote on Gov. Cuomo's gun-control bill," Brooklyn Young Republican Club president Glenn Nocera wrote in an open letter to Golden, arguing that the bill will increase the chances of future bloodshed. "A criminal will always find a way to create carnage wherever or whenever he wants. Especially if there is no one with a gun to stop him."

Nocera isn't the only youthful GOPer lining up against the bill.

Russ Gallo, the leader of the rival Brooklyn

Young Republicans Club, said toughening gun laws will put Brooklynites at risk.

"New York is once again on the wrong side of another national issue," said Gallo, a New York City transit cop and an Iraq War veteran. "The gun law that was passed will do nothing to protect anyone, except criminals that are intent on invading homes and can now do so knowing that any law-abiding citizen living there is likely to be unarmed and/or have seven or fewer bullets in any guns they may have."

Golden declined to comment on the criticisms, but said on the night of the vote that the new rules will save lives.

"The people of New York are safer because of the sensible and comprehensive public safety bill approved," said Golden. "This legislation is truly an accomplishment we can be proud of, and that will go a long way to making our streets, our schools, and communities safer for us all."

The new regulations passed the State Senate and blew through the Assembly on Jan. 15, and Gov. Cuomo signed them into law the same day.

Come back to Sheepshead!

Opening time for Sandy-damaged Emmons Ave. restaurants

BY COLIN MIXSON

They weathered a beating, but they're back better than ever, claim Sandy-clobbered businesses in Sheepshead Bay — proving that Brooklynites are tougher than even a super storm.

Hard-hit El Greco Diner, Yiasou, and Randazzo's Clam Bar celebrated their long haul back from the devastating hurricane that robbed them of electricity for weeks, and sent tons of spoiled meats and vegetables to the Dumpster.

El Greco owner George Venetoklis, who says he lost \$60,000 worth of food and thousands more in appliances, declined the \$25,000 loan from the Small Business Association and paid for all damages out of pocket because the sum was simply too paltry to address his considerable losses.

"With the amount we lost, that was just a drop in the bucket," he said.

But not everybody knows that he's back in business, said the restaurateur.

"The area took such a beating, we're still receiving five phone calls a day asking if we're open," he said. "Business is not back up to where it was beforehand — we still haven't seen a lot of our regulars."

Some establishments along the once-bustling shore-front strip remain shuttered, including Seaport Buffet and Baby's Dream, which are below street level and suffered catastrophic flooding, with seawater soaring to the ceiling on their main floors.

But even competing restaurants — who say a big draw to the neighborhood is the selection of restaurants — are hoping for their quick return.

"I for one really want them to come back," said Rosemary Randazzo, owner of Randazzo's Clam Bar. "Around here, it's the more the merrier."

Here's a breakdown of which businesses are open or closed along Emmons Avenue between Sheepshead Bay Road and Nostrand Avenue:



THE STATE OF EMMONS AVENUE: (Above) Randazzo's Clam Bar reopened following Hurricane Sandy, and even added lobster rolls to menu. (Below) The Seaport Buffet, which is located below street level on Emmons Avenue, suffered catastrophic flood damage, and has not reopened.

Photos by Colin Mixson and Steve Solomonson

OPEN:

El Greco Diner, Emmons Ave. between Sheepshead Bay Road and E. 19th Street

Cherry Hill Gourmet Market, Emmons Ave. between E. 19th Street and Ocean Avenue

Masal Cafe, Emmons Ave. between E. 19th Street and Ocean Avenue

Yiasou, Emmons Ave. between Ocean Avenue and E. 21st Street

Randazzo's Clam Bar, Emmons Ave. between Ocean Avenue and E. 21st Street

XO Creperie, Emmons Ave. between E. 21st and Dooley streets

Passage, Emmons Ave. between E. 21st and Dooley streets (Note: Elevator not working).

Emmons Bagels, Emmons Ave. between Dooley and E. 23rd streets

Pera Cafe Lounge, Emmons Ave. between Dooley and E. 23rd streets

Siam Orchid Thai Cuisine, Emmons Ave. between Dooley and E. 23rd streets

China Max Chinese Cuisine and Sushi Bar, Emmons Ave. between Dooley and E. 23rd streets
Dessert Palace Bar and Grill, Emmons Ave.



between Dooley and E. 23rd streets

Applebee's, Emmons Ave. between Bedford Avenue and E. 26th Street

Stella Maris Fishing Station, Emmons Ave. between E. 27th and E. 28th streets

Liman Restaurant, Emmons Ave. between E. 27th and E. 28th streets

Roll 'N' Roaster, Emmons Ave. between E. 29th Street and Nostrand Avenue

Il Forneto, Emmons Ave. between E. 29th Street and Nostrand Avenue.

STILL CLOSED:

Momoyama Hibachi,

Emmons Ave. between E. 19th Street and Ocean Avenue

Fusion, Emmons Ave. between Ocean Avenue and E. 21st Street

Tzar, Emmons Ave. between Ocean Avenue and E. 21st Street

Seaport Buffet, Emmons Ave. between E. 21st and Dooley streets

Baby's Dream, Emmons Ave. between E. 21st and Dooley streets

Beer Bar Restaurant, Emmons Ave. between E. 21st and Dooley streets

Top Brgr, Emmons Ave. between Dooley and E. 23rd streets

Paradise Garden, Emmons Ave. between E. 28th and E. 29th streets

Dem Hakeem has fighting words for GOP

Jeffries: If push comes to shove, I will 'get Brooklyn' on Rep. Paul Ryan

BY ELI ROSENBERG

When you're the new guy trying to get respect in the big House, you go after the craziest person in there.

For freshman Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-Fort Greene), that man is Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin).

Brooklyn's newly minted congressman says he will use his seat on the House Budget Committee to challenge the former vice-presidential candidate, who chairs the panel.

"I'll be right across the negotiating table from Paul Ryan on the debt ceiling, and sequestration, and the future of important entitlement programs," the legislator told his constituents at a community board meeting earlier this month. "So if he starts act-



SHOWDOWN: Hakeem Jeffries (above) has a formidable foe on the House Budget Committee in committee chair – and former vice president candidate – Paul Ryan (right).

ing up, I may just have to get Brooklyn on him!"



Jeffries was a bit more diplomatic in a phone interview with this newspaper last week, assuring voters

that when he gets Brooklyn on somebody, he does so with all due respect.

"We must continue to articulate a vision for America designed to create progress for the greatest number of people possible, as opposed to simply promoting prosperity for the few," said Jeffries. "Under the leadership of Paul Ryan, a very different vision than that of the constituents that I represent has been put forth by the House Budget Committee."

Jeffries has not yet introduced himself to Ryan — who has pushed to reduce taxes and privatize parts of Social Security and Medicare. But the Brooklyn politico thinks he might be able to find middle ground with the Wisconsin rep.

"Congressmen Ryan is clearly a good man who cares about this country — he did vote for the fiscal cliff deal that I supported and that was negotiated by the White House and Democrats in the Senate," said Jeffries. "That's a wonderful starting point."

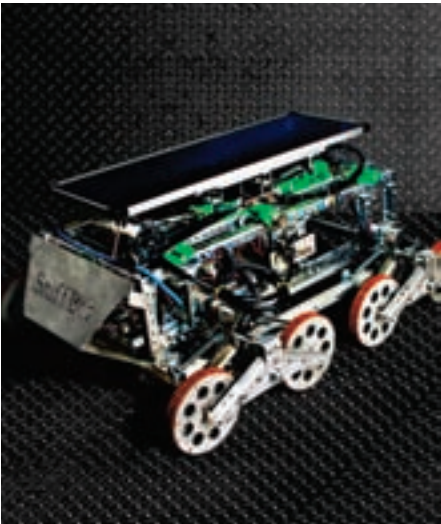
Jeffries said he is eager to bring to Washington the experience he gained in Albany during the past five years — and that he is looking forward to his first encounter with the world's most powerful former Brooklynite: President Obama, an ex-Park Sloper.

"The first chance I get to visit the White House, I will raise the question of President Obama's Park Slope residency," Jeffries said.

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BEAUTIFUL MUSIC: (From left) Jessica Pinto and Danielle Santos played clarinet and flute for St. Edmunds Preparatory High School Band's concert at the Marine Park Civic Association's monthly meeting last Tuesday.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Band gets toes tapping

BY COLIN MIXSON

This band is more than meets the eye.

The St. Edmunds Preparatory High School Band regaled members of the Marine Park Civic Association on Jan. 15 with the finest in modern classical music — the score from the 2007 sci-fi romp “Transformers.”

“My students vote on a few pieces every year, and this year they picked the “Trans-

formers,” said band teacher John Molazzo. “I want them to have an opportunity to have some ownership of their musical selection.”

But it wasn't all dramatic, science-fiction fan fare at on Tuesday's meeting. The band kicked off the evening with the “Star-Spangled Banner,” before launching into an eclectic mix of music that included swing, processional, march-

ing band, and even modern electronic tunes.

The Marine Park Civic Association concert was the band's first time playing a civic meeting, but the kids relish any time spent playing their instruments.

“Live performances are always a great learning tool,” said Molazzo. “Giving the kids on opportunity to play outside of their school is always great.”

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The check is in the app

DUMBO tech guy says his program will zip you out of the restaurant

BY DANIELLE FURFARO

Get rid of a waiter? There's an app for that.

A DUMBO techy has a remedy for snooty waiters who take too long to drop your check on the table: a new iPhone app that lets diners view and pay their bill on their phones without having to interact with the staff.

Jeff McGregor says he got the idea for his new "Dine and Dash" app two years ago while he and a friend were sitting at a particularly slow restaurant.

"We were out to brunch and we got frustrated that we couldn't wave down the waiter to get the check," he said. "It seemed like a problem technology should be able to solve."

So for the next six months, he went about solving it. Now, he claims he has an app that will get you out the door quicker than you can say "Check, please"



QUICK TIME: Jeff McGregor's new app, Dine and Dash, allows diners to see and pay their bills on their cellphones instead of waiting for the server to drop off the check.

— and keep restaurant staff focused on more important things like preparing that after-dinner Remy Martin.

"If you're dealing with 200 to 300 credit cards a night, that takes a lot of time," said McGregor. "Since the staff doesn't have to do that, they can be pouring drinks for

other customers."

Customers who use the app can easily open a tab on their phone, then they let the server know that he'll barley have to keeps tabs on them.

But the new app doesn't render the wait staff totally obsolete. Someone will still have to take your order and

plug it into the restaurant's computer. The app, which is presently in its testing phase, will take over from there, keeping track of everything you order and billing you accordingly. Customers can then cash themselves out at the end of the evening — and even leave a hefty tip for great service.

McGregor and his partners are currently shopping the app to restaurants around Brooklyn and are hoping to have about 100 restaurants on board by the summer.

In the app's first stage, customers will have to hand over their credit card numbers to Dash, which will then pass the info along to the establishments. But in later versions, McGregor hopes Dash will use a bank-to-bank transfer service, which would allow restaurants to save on credit card fees.



NO MORE BILLS: Jeff McGregor designed the app Dine and Dash after becoming frustrated with a brunch server who took forever to drop off the check.

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BERGEN BEACH**Bungling burglar**

Cops arrested a 17-year-old boy who they say burglarized a retailer on Avenue U on Jan. 19.

The arresting officer said he was in a parking garage between 52nd and 53rd places at 1:40 am when he ran smack into the suspect wheeling the loot out in suitcases.

The suspect latter admitted to the theft, telling police that he waited inside the store until it closed, before making his move and nabbing the loot, cops said.

Candy man

An 18-year-old was arrested for stealing candy and party supplies from a Ralph Avenue store on Jan. 16.

The victim told police that he was inside the store between Avenues K and L at 2:10 pm when he noticed the suspect cramming the sugary loot into a bag.

69TH PRECINCT

CANARSIE

Bad student

A 17-year-old boy was arrested for attacking the dean of a high school on Flatlands Avenue on Jan. 18.

The victim told police that he was inside the school between Ralph Avenue and E. 76th Street at 9:05 am when the suspect began swinging, and punched him in the face several times.

Hat attack

Police arrested a 17-year-old boy who they say beat and robbed a man on E. 100th Street on Jan. 16.

The victim told police that he was near Flatlands Avenue at 6:56 pm when the suspect, and an accomplice, crept up from behind and sucker-punched him. The victim fell to the ground, stunned, and the suspect grabbed his baseball cap and fled, cops reported.

Gun-point goon

A 24-year-old man was arrested for robbing an Avenue L store owner at gun-point on Oct. 28.

Surveillance footage shows the suspect and three other men walk into the store between E. 88th and E. 89th streets at 8:58 pm, when the suspect produced a firearm and looted the register, police reported.

70TH PRECINCT

FLATBUSH-MIDWOOD

Bathroom jailhouse

Police arrested a 28-year-old man for imprisoning a woman in his Farragut Road bathroom on Jan. 19.

The victim told police that the suspect



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dragged her by the arm into the bathroom of his apartment between Bedford Avenue and E. 26th Street at 6:45 am, where he began unbuttoning her pants and uttering threats.

"I have money for you, and if you say anything to the police, just so you know, I know people in Brooklyn who can take care of you," the suspect allegedly snarled.

When police searched the suspect's apartment, they found six bags of marijuana, cops said.

Gun battle

Cops arrested two men, ages 18 and 21, after they say one pulled a gun on a police officer inside of a Nostrand Avenue store on Jan. 18.

The arresting officer said he was inside the store between Glenwood Road and Flatbush Avenue at 7:10 pm, where he noticed the suspect engaged in an argument with another man.

When the officer announced that he was with the NYPD, the suspect reached for a pistol in his waistband and a struggle ensued, in which the suspect and an accomplice battled with the officer and his partner for control of the firearm, police reported. The officers seized the gun and arrested the suspects, according to police.

61ST PRECINCTSHEEPSHEAD BAY-HOMECREST-
MANHATTAN BEACH-GRAVESEND**iRobbed**

Two men, ages 18 and 20, were arrested for beating and robbing a man inside a Batchelder Street apartment building on Jan. 17, taking his iPhone and cash.

The victim told police that he was riding an elevator inside the building between Avenues W and X at 7:41 pm. As he went to exit the lift, the suspects attacked him, punching him in the face and kicking him in the gut, before looting his pockets and fleeing with the smartphone and \$240, police reported.

Goon brigade

A gun-wielding thug and his pack of goons robbed a man on Avenue X on Jan. 11, taking his wallet.

The victim told police that he was near Bragg Street at 6 pm when the thug called for him across the street.

"Hey, fella, come across the street," he allegedly beckoned.

The victim ran over to see what the fuss was about, when four other men suddenly appeared. The first thug then took out a gun and took the victim's wallet, cops said.

Mysterious hero

Two young thugs attempted to rob a 73-year-old woman on Bragg Street on Jan. 12 — but their shameless crime was foiled by a mystery man.

The elderly victim told police that she was near Avenue U at 3:45 pm when the two boys snuck up behind her, bashed her once, and took off with her purse.

Fortunately, a good Samaritan took off after the crooks, who dropped the pocketbook. The hero returned the bag, but didn't give his name to the woman, cops said.

Ransacked restaurant

A burglar plundered a Shell Road restaurant sometime overnight on Jan. 16, taking cash and a fancy tablet.

The victim told police that he left the eatery between Avenue X and Bouck Court at 10:30 pm, and returned the next morning to find that the front door was ajar, and that \$2,800 and an Apple iPad were missing.

iTouched

A gun-wielding thug robbed a man inside the lobby of a Batchelder Street apartment building on Jan. 14, taking his iPod touch.

The victim told police that as he entered the building between Avenues V and W at 1 pm, the suspect swiped the iPod out of his hand and then leveled a black pistol at this face.

"Get out of here, go up the elevator," the goon allegedly snarled, before fleeing.

Pay day

A burglar hit pay dirt when he ransacked a woman's Brown Street apartment on Jan. 17 — making off with \$11,700 worth of loot.

The victim told police that she left her home near Emmons Avenue at 4 pm, and returned two hours later to find her back window open and the screen covering it ripped.

Her three Michele watches, a black pearl necklace, and a few other pricey pieces of choice bling were missing.

Bike bandit

A thief nabbed a man's \$5,000 Ellsworth bike from inside a Nostrand Ave-

nue apartment building on Jan. 10.

The victim told police that he left his bike locked up inside a storage locker in the building between Avenue Z and Voorhies Avenue at 9 pm, and returned later to find the locker broken and the bike lock snapped.

Winning the lottery

A burglar made off with more than \$18,000 worth of cash and bling from an E. Second Street home on Jan. 15.

The victim told police that he left his home between Avenues S and T at 1:30 pm, and returned to find her home completely ransacked. The crook made off with more than \$7,000 worth of jewelry and designer sunglasses, as well as \$11,000 in cash, cops said.

60TH PRECINCT

CONEY ISLAND-BRIGHTON BEACH-SEAGATE

Locked up

Police arrested an 18-year-old who they say beat another man inside an Avenue X building on Jan. 15.

The victim told police that he was between W. 11th and W. 12th streets at 12:30 pm when the suspect shoved him into a locker and bashed his head with a metal lock.

Instant threat

Cops arrested a 24-year-old woman for sending threatening text messages to another woman on Jan. 8.

The victim told police that she was inside her 82nd Street apartment between 18th and 19th avenues at 6 pm when she received messages threatening her life and her apartment too, saying it would be burned to the ground. — *Colin Mixson*

62ND PRECINCT

BENSONHURST-BATH BEACH

Smoked out

A pair of knife-wielding punks swiped several cartons of cigarettes from a Bay Parkway pharmacy on Jan. 19, police say.

A witness told cops the nicotine-craving duo entered the drugstore between 68th and 69th streets at 9:20 am, walked behind the register, and started taking packages of smokes.

When the witness tried to stop them, one of the crooks flashed a blade. The two then walked out with the loot, jumped on their bicycles, and pedaled away.

Cut the drinking

A wasted perp stabbed a stranger in the back of the leg on 86th Street on Jan. 17, according to cops.

The victim claimed the knife-wielding drunk came up behind him when he was near Bay 37th Street at 2:40 am and stuck the blade into his right thigh, forcing him to go to the hospital for treatment.

— *Will Bredderman*

Brooklyn Spine Center keeps you healthy and free of back pain

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Brooklyn Spine Center, the facility that provides the latest and most innovative treatment for back pain, has expanded to a brand-new location.

The 4,000-square foot, ultra-modern center is not only gorgeous — it also contains the newest technology. It is four times the size of the former facility.

Dr. Melinda Keller, the center's director, says the state-of-the-art services offered are designed to support people for a "100-year lifestyle" — keeping them healthy, well, and flexible for a lifetime.

Dr. Keller has been a practicing chiropractor for more than 30 years. She is proud to now offer physical therapy services with physical therapist MaryAnne Coughlin.

"She is a compassionate, caring, and kind physical therapist, with 30 years of experience," says Dr. Keller.

The center also includes Dr. Marilyn Applebaum, another chiropractor with more than 30 years of experience in the profession. All share the same vision — to provide non-invasive care that keeps the musculoskeletal system healthy.

If you feel pain in the neck, arm, back, or leg, it may be due to a bulging or herniated disc.

"Sometimes, patients have no idea what started their conditions, as they cannot tie any specific event to the onset," says Dr. Keller. Nevertheless, these conditions exist, causing pain, limiting movement, and hindering lifestyles.

The Brooklyn Spine Center can help. It offers non-surgical spinal decompression. This cutting-edge technology is "the latest medical breakthrough" that alleviates neck and back pain caused by herniated discs and degenerated discs, as well as sciatica, says Dr. Keller.

The treatment, combined with Dr. Keller's expertise and compassion, offers top-notch care, which gets results.

In the past, patients suffering from disc problems were given pain medications, and instructed to refrain from physical activities, the doctor says. When treatment failed, many were then told to have back surgery. Such surgery can be risky.

"Know your options," says the doctor. "If you have been told this, come in for an examination so we can discuss possible alternatives."

Technology at the center includes the DRX 9000, state-of-the-art treatment that relieves nerve compression. Brooklyn Spine



(Clockwise from top) Brooklyn Spine Center's newest location on 16th Avenue is four times the size of its former facility. Dr. Marilyn Appelbaum, a chiropractor with 30 years of experience, does an adjustment with a patient. Dr. Melinda Keller is the center's director, and has been a practicing chiropractor for more than 30 years.

Photos by Elizabeth Graham

Center has six of these machines. Four are used to relieve back pain; two to treat neck pain.

"They significantly reduce pain, enabling the majority of patients to return to more active lifestyles," says the doctor.

"Decompression is achieved by using a specific combination of spinal positioning,

and varying the degree and intensity of force," she says. "The key to producing this decompression is the gentle pull that is created."

In fact, "Many patients have found success with the DRX 9000 after a failed back surgery," Dr. Keller says. "Our mission is to relieve the pain and suffering of people in our community. We help

people live happier, healthier lives, without drugs and surgery."

The highly-trained staff speaks English, Russian, and Polish. There are both male and female doctors at the facility, should patients have a preference. And the center treats people of all ages.

"We provide pediatric care and geriatric

care," says Dr. Keller. Sports injuries are also treated.

Brooklyn Spine Center [5911 16th Ave. between 59th and 60th streets in Borough Park, (718) 234-6200; www.BrooklynSpine-Center.com and www.BrooklynChiro.com]. Open Mondays through Fridays, 9 am-7 pm, by appointment.

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Charity makes big donation

Amy Winehouse's parents give grant to Slope music school

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music is singing the praises of the late Amy Winehouse after the Grammy-winning crooner's parents donated \$25,000 to the Park Slope arts academy.

Mitch and Janis Winehouse gave the oversized novelty check to the music school last Wednesday, saying their daughter's legacy lives on through organizations like the Conservatory.

"If we can make a difference in a child's life through a music scholarship, if we can change the direction of a kid headed towards addiction through a program we help fund, then we've accomplished something special in our daughter's name," said Mitch, who handed over the money through the Amy Winehouse Foundation.

Conservatory honchos



FOR THE KIDS: (From left) Mitch and Janis Winehouse, the parents of the late Amy Winehouse (right) awarded the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music with a grant to fund scholarships. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

say the cash will fund scholarships of underprivileged students in the school's 30-week teen jazz program, which has a tuition of \$2,500.

The money will help 19 aspiring jazz musicians take music theory classes, receive private lessons, and rehearse and perform in en-



sembles, said executive director Karen Geer.

"Without this money these students wouldn't be able to advance their studies in jazz," said Geer.

Mitch and his wife Janis, a Brooklyn native, formed the foundation after their famed daughter died of alcohol poisoning in 2011 following a lengthy, public battle with drugs and booze. The group helps fund music programs and gives aid to rehab centers.

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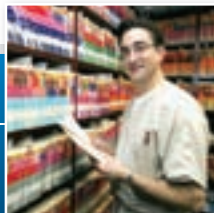
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By Dr. Stephen Finger

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And, since then, every time Congress wants to spend more than it raises in taxes, which is pretty much always, they just change the law to raise the 'debt ceiling' which allows the Treasury to borrow more money.

Because the debt ceiling is raised routinely every year or two, some have suggested doing away with it completely. This is a bad idea for two reasons.

First of all, even though the debt ceiling is usually raised without much fuss, it can provide some minimal attempt at fiscal discipline. Minimal, definitely. But maybe better than nothing. At least they have to TALK about

balancing the budget.

But more importantly, eliminating the debt ceiling might raise serious questions about the value of our Treasury securities. Remember, only Congress can legally borrow on the credit of the United States. Whenever Congress raises the debt ceiling, it is borrowing that amount necessary to raise the ceiling. Perfectly legal.

Suppose now that the debt ceiling is eliminated. What happens then?

Well, what would probably happen is that Treasury would continue to borrow as it always has. The only problem is that Congress is no longer authorizing this borrowing and this is a power that the constitution does not grant to the Treasury.

In other words, the Treasury would be selling securities that might be constitutionally illegal and, therefore, worthless. [The people who've been buying our debt, by the way, are not stupid. They know how to read and they all have copies of our constitution.]

A suggestion: Keep the debt ceiling and start getting rid of the debt, instead of the other way around.

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Cyclones host ‘Fictitious Friday’

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

This summer, the Brooklyn Cyclones invite you — and your imaginary girlfriend — to MCU Park in Coney Island to meet a unicorn, a mermaid, a Minotaur, and the Beatles!

It's all part of the minor league team's "Fictitious Friday" — a roast of red-faced Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o and his oh-so-significant gal pal on June 21. General manager Steve Cohen hoped the fake frolics will hit a home run with fans in a tizzy over the antics of their sports stars.

"Everywhere you look, there seems to be another story about an athlete that is covering up something," said Cohen. "That got us thinking, we should have a night where our fans don't have to worry about what's real and what's not, we'll just tell them everything planned for that night is a hoax."

The evening's make-believe line-up includes the mini-Mets squaring off against Roy Hobbs and the New York Knights of the Oscar-nominated movie "The Natural," played by the Aberdeen Ironbirds, and a promotional contest where fans can throw ping-pong balls into fishbowls for the chance to win a catfish. There will even be a special appearance by Sports Illustrated prank cover star Sidd Finch.

So what "real" stuff can fans see?

The team added that there will be plenty more surprises in store, though nothing that will likely trigger an internal investigation.



FANTASY TEAM!: The Brooklyn Cyclones will take on the Manti Te'o scandal with a night dedicated to internet hoaxes. Associated Press / Michael Conroy

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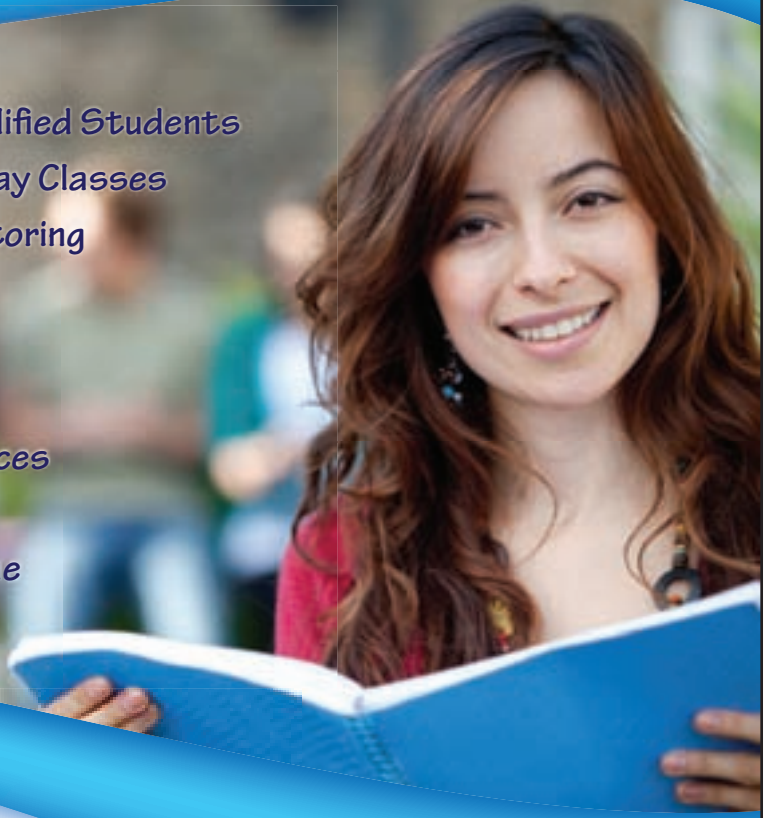
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City: If we build it, you will clean

Officials say Parkside plaza a possibility, if neighbors will fund the maintenance

BY ELI ROSENBERG

The city has finally agreed to build a plaza outside the Parkside Avenue Q station — but the neighborhood activists who have long fought for the public space will be the ones footing the bill.

The Department of Transportation said it would construct a scaled-back version of the grand plaza plan proposed by the Parkside Project Committee for the intersection of Ocean and Parkside avenues, provided the group can come up with the cash to keep it clean.

"It's very good news," said Rudolph Delson, a founder of the committee, which has lobbied city officials and agencies since 2011 to improve features around the southeast gateway to Prospect Park, particularly on the large paved

expanse directly in front of the subway station. "But the good news is tempered by fact that we have to find the funding for a budget to maintain it."

The Department of Transportation typically tasks neighborhood merchants groups, including business improvement districts, to look after newly constructed plazas, but there are no deep-pocketed organizations in the area, Delson said.

"Places like Bryant Park in Manhattan have no trouble raising that kind of money," said Delson, who estimates it would cost about \$25,000 to keep the plaza — which would include benches, tables, and chairs — clean and secure.

Open space activists hope to line up some



SWEEPING PLAN: Rudolph Delson, the chairman of the Parkside Project Committee, says he's ecstatic that the city will build a plaza at Parkside and Ocean avenues — but he and other neighborhood activists will have to raise maintenance funds.

File photo by Bryan Bruchman

neighboring businesses and community politicians to raise capital for upkeep, including Councilman Mathieu Eugene (D-Flatbush).

"The Councilman is supportive of the project," said Michael Racioppo, Eugene's chief of staff. "But we don't know [our] budget yet."

Supporters of the plan hope the plaza will win fans in the community, because unlike a recently scrapped proposal in Midwood, this one won't take away any street space from motorists.

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Mallory Hagan must depart Brooklyn, but promises to return

BY ELI ROSENBERG

The nation is going to see a lot of Brooklynite Mallory Hagan now that the 24-year-old Alabama native is the beautiful face beneath the Miss America tiara. But residents of the borough that helped her get her big break won't have that same opportu-

nity. Like so many borough success stories before her (we're looking at you, Spike Lee), Hagan is packing up her place in Windsor Terrace (yep, we confirmed it's not Park Slope) and hitting the road. She promises she will return to the borough when her year on-the-road is up, and we can't wait

to welcome her back. We checked in with the fashion student-turned-pageant queen before she grabbed her bags and left.

ER: You left Brooklyn to go to Las Vegas as just another contestant, but you're returning as a star. Are people treating you differently now around your

neighborhood?

MH: Well, you know what? It's funny, I actually haven't been back to my apartment! As Miss America, we stay in hotels because we travel just about every 48 hours. So right now is probably one of the longest stints I'll have in one place for a little while.

ER: Are you leaving Brooklyn now that you've achieved this milestone?

MH: Unfortunately for the year I have to, but I'll be back as soon as my year as Miss America is up.

ER: What do you have planned for your year away from Brooklyn?

MH: The major thing is I'll be an ambassador for education. I'm going to the White House to discuss some issues with the Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and we'll be talking about some ways we can empower young women to be more involved in math and science. We'll also be working with the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, raising funds. And then I'll also be promoting my personal platform, working to stop sexual abuse of children.

ER: Have you moved out of your neighborhood yet?

MH: Not yet, I will be. I will put my stuff in storage for the year, and then bring it back out once my reign as Miss America is over.

ER: You told us before that you frequented the F station at 15th Street. Have you upgraded to a different ride?

MH: We've been really fortunate — we've had so many appearances and we've been provided car

services so far. I haven't been on the subway system yet and it might be until the next visit that I get a chance.

ER: Your tap dancing skills are now known all over the land. Can we expect to see you on a Brooklyn stage anytime soon?

MH: No, unfortunately. My year of service is all over the country, and if I'm here, it's going to be a quick stint. If you want to see me perform, it will likely be singing as Miss America and hopefully the next time I'll be doing that will be at the Nets-Heat game on Jan. 29 at the Barclays Center.

ER: Many Brooklynites were heartbroken to hear that you have a boyfriend. Can you recommend any good romantic spots around town?

MH: No. I don't really often go on dates with my boyfriend out in Brooklyn, so I don't really know of any places that are super romantic, unfortunately.

ER: Any plans now to tell a few of your neighbors that they live next to Miss America?

MH: I don't spend a lot of time hanging out with my neighbors, but maybe if I get a chance to go back to my apartment, I'll let the little girls downstairs know!

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THERE SHE GOES: Brooklyn's Miss America Mallory Hagan is sadly leaving the borough she called home before earning her tiara.

Expect Success!

Preparing students for college and careers

To be prepared for college and careers, students need advanced skills. They must be able to read challenging books, think critically, and solve difficult math problems. Tough new course work, tied to what's called the Common Core Learning Standards, will help your child develop the higher-level skills he or she needs to succeed. For more information, search NYC.gov for Common Core Library.

How the Common Core Standards Improve Learning

This year, New York City students are doing more course work aligned to the new Common Core standards. The standards describe what students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade need to know and be able to do at each grade level to graduate from high school ready for college and careers. The sample lessons below show different ways teachers are using the Common Core standards to get students to think more critically and use evidence to explain their thinking.

■ Is your voice heard? To answer this question, fifth graders at P.S. 204 in the Bronx are studying the formation of the U.S. government and reading the Bill of Rights and other historical documents. To support their opinions, the students are using evidence from their readings in classroom debates and letters they are writing to their members of Congress.

■ Middle school students at the School for Global Leaders in Manhattan are learning how writers shape their arguments by reading opinion pieces and books about the food industry. For example, they are reading the New York Times bestseller, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*. Students will use their new understanding of argument and the food industry to write their own articles on topics such as fast food and factory farms.

To view Chancellor Walcott's webinar on the Common Core, visit learndoe.org/chancellor.

Three Ways to Become College and Career Ready

It's never too early to explore your child's academic interests and reinforce his or her strengths. Here are three ways to get your child started on the path to college or a career:

1 Stay informed. Log in to arisparentlink.org to find out how your child is doing in school and make sure his or her grades are recorded accurately.

2 Make some dates. Place important dates, such as application deadlines, parent-teacher conferences, grade 3-8 tests and Regents exams, on your calendar. For more dates, search NYC.gov for Calendar.

3 Encourage your child to sign up for extracurricular activities.

This reflects well on college applications and helps reinforce healthy relationships with classmates and adults at the school. If your child is already signed up, brainstorm ways he or she can take on more responsibilities and leadership roles.

NYC Parent Academy Workshops



The NYC Parent Academy helps parents become more engaged in their child's education.

This program is dedicated to strengthening parent involvement to support student achievement in the City's 1,700 schools.

Attend the NYC Parent Academy's upcoming borough-wide workshops:

SAT., JAN. 26

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SAT., FEB. 2

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Staten Island Technical High School
485 Clawson Street, Staten Island, NY 10306

SAT., FEB. 9

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P.S. 160, 4140 Hutchinson River Parkway East
Bronx, NY 10475

Apply to Serve on an Education Council

Are you a parent who would like to become more involved in issues surrounding public education in your community? Beginning on February 13, you can apply to serve on a Community or Citywide Education Council. Councils play a crucial role in shaping policy for New York City's public schools. They also provide valuable advice to officials on educational procedures and strategy. The chance to run for a seat on a district or citywide education council comes once every two years.

Parents serve a two-year term on 36 Councils throughout the city. These include the Community Education Councils, Citywide Council on High Schools, Citywide Council on English Language Learners, Citywide Council on Special Education, and the District 75 Citywide Council. The deadline for submitting your application is March 13.

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of the different councils and to learn how to nominate yourself for a Council seat, visit NYCParentLeaders.org.

Parents interested in serving on an Education Council are invited to attend the following information sessions:

THURS., JAN. 24

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street

THURS., JAN. 31

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Bayard Rustin High School, 351 W. 18 Street

NYC Public Schools Calendar: January-February

MON., JAN. 22

Kindergarten Enrollment begins.

MON., JAN. 28

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No classes for high school students (Does not apply to District 75 high schools)

TUES., JAN. 29

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WED., FEB. 6

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Intermediate and junior high schools' parent-teacher conferences

For the latest information on yellow bus service disruption due to the strike, search nyc.gov for School Bus Strike or call 311.

Stay Connected

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The mayor, the Boardwalk, the radio, and Lou Powsner

Once every week, radio WOR interviews Mayor Mike Bloomberg live on their phone lines, and Lou Powsner is sure to listen, he is, whenever he is lucky enough to muster up 710 on the AM radio dial.

Listening attentively in the a.m., repulsed I was with what I was hearing. I impulsively reached out of the bed for the phone thinking, "Maybe I can pin his ears back, on the air, against his plot to redo Coney Island's battered Boardwalk in cement." G-d forbid that should happen! And Speak Out, of course, I did.

Ne'er do my old eyes see Bloomberg walking along our main shopping thoroughfares. If he decided to come down from his beloved midtown Manhattan, our millionaire



SPEAK OUT

Lou Powsner

mayor would see and trip over giant pot holes, blatantly un-repaired to trap and strap our shoppers all across our fair city, especially in Brooklyn, on av-

enues such as Surf, Mermaid and Brighton Beach. Each crossing is a hazard of disrepair.

Instead, his eyes are fixed on our Boardwalk, which has become a bundle of blunders and splinters. But he shies away from fresh wood. What's the matter, Mike, afraid of a few splinters? Yay, he stubbornly prefers cement.

Maybe Mayor Mike Bloomberg never saw the once-great Miracle Mile of Manhattan Beach, the first of our cement beach walks, which was infamously pulverized by storm after storm. No one can see the Esplanade any longer, but there it lies, cracked and jagged, the once-proud walkway broken by our city's Parks Department with not one sign of repair.

On that Saturday morning, Lou Powsner had the pleasure to dare him to leave our city a very bad memoir by brazenly ripping up the cushiony boards, and replacing them with over-heated, cracked cement — just like the one the people of Manhattan Beach are endowed with by the city of New York!

Nay, it should never happen!

Save the proud people of Brooklyn from thy "Plights of Jagged Manhattan Beach!" Please g-d! Amen!

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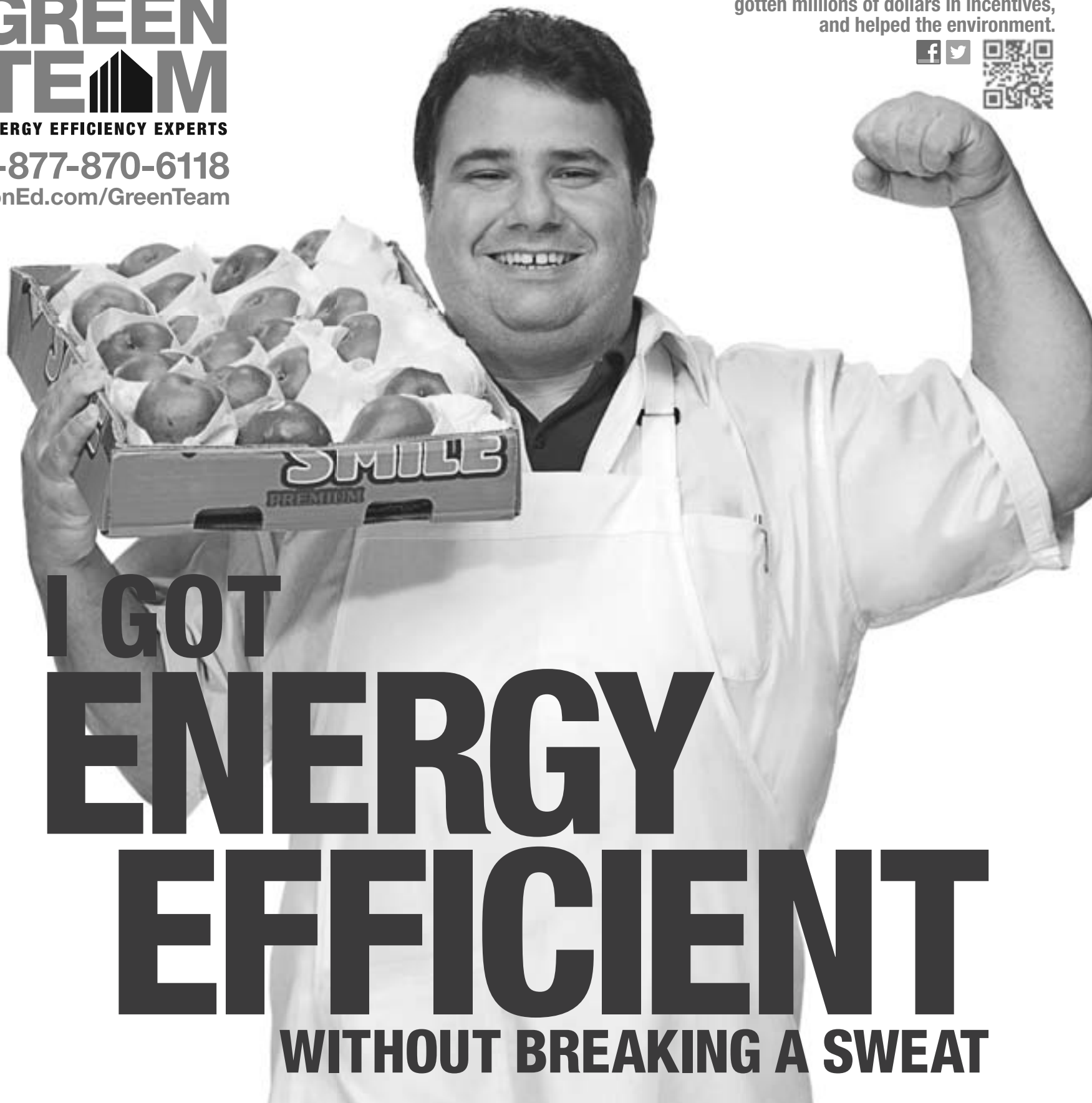


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Sandy-wrecked Fairway returning

Supermarket will reopen in early March

BY NATALIE MUSUMECI

Red Hookers rejoice: the neighborhood will once again be stocked with artisan cheeses and organic produce.

Hurricane Sandy pounded the massive and massively popular Fairway Market, leaving the community's culinary anchor shuttered for months — but store officials now say they are on schedule for a March reopening.

"We're making a lot of progress," said Fairway CEO Howie Glickberg, who hopes to reopen in six weeks. "We will be working until the hour before we open the store."

The floodwaters are long gone and most of the new refrigerator cases and new shelves are in place, but the nearly \$10-million restoration still has a long way to go, said the grocery chain honcho.

"We still have to hook up all the refrigeration, we have to install all new kitchen equipment and all new showcases — a lot of plumbing, electrical and carpentry work still has to be done," he said.

The Oct. 29 super storm slammed the gourmet chain at the foot of Van Brunt Street with a five-foot surge so vicious that it demolished anything it touched.

"[All that] was left after the flood were the walls," said Glickberg. "Anything that was not five feet off the ground got wasted."

The inundated grocery chain, famous for its fine cheeses, imported olive oils, and vast selection of gourmet goods, had to be gutted and continuously pumped with hot air in the days after the storm to dry out the doused floor and walls.

And much like the savvy proprietor behind Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pies, the folks at Fairway decided to use the storm-related closure as an opportunity to



REBUILDING: Hurricane Sandy decimated the Fairway Market in Red Hook — but now the shop is on schedule for a March reopening, as a completely brand-new store with fresh products and a fresh interior, say store officials.

Photos by Paul Martinka

neighborhood," said Frizell, who used to shop at the grocery store twice a week. "It's the anchor at the end of Van Brunt Street and it changed the neighborhood for the better — it's not the same without it."

Fairway shoppers borough-wide are just as excited.

"It's like a long lost relative is coming back," said Fran Barris of Dyker Heights, who shopped at Fairway monthly before it closed, in part due to its big selection of gluten-free items.

Glickberg said that 70 additional Fairway employees will be hired for the reopening and that the store's original 250 employees, who have been transferred to other Fairway stores will return to the Red Hook location.

come back better.

When Fairway reopens, shoppers will enjoy an expanded bakery section, wider aisles, and more outdoor seating, Glickberg said.

Red Hook business owners can't wait for Fairway's return, claiming its lengthy closure took a bite out of the economy in the storm-ravaged community.

"Without the Fairway here it's been so quiet in the neighborhood," said St. John Frizell, the owner of the Van Brunt Street cafe and bar Fort Defiance.

"It brought tons of foot and car traffic into the



DISNEY DARLINGS: Petriatric MA Coleen Cort, manager Diane Rutherford, and LPN Carmelita Domingo were thrilled to take a photo with the famous mice.



KID AT HEART: Even staff members, including MA Antonnette Caesar, enjoyed meeting the famous Disney characters. Photos by Stefano Giovannini

Mickey and Minnie thrill young hospital patients

BY BILL EGBERT

The stars of Disney On Ice warmed the hearts of kids with a visit to the Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Mickey Mouse and his best girl Minnie dropped in on the Fort Greene hospital's Pediatric Hematology and Oncology unit on Jan. 23 to cheer up children being treated for cancer and diseases of the blood.

The Disney favorites were taking time off from their ice show running at the Barclays Center through Jan. 27. The Disney On Ice show, called Treasure Trove, features characters from "The Little Mermaid," "Peter Pan," and other classics.



ALL A BUZZ: Seven-year-old Kiana Johnson can't wait to meet two surprise characters from Disney on Ice, who visited kids at the Brooklyn Hospital Center's Children's Health Center on Jan. 23.

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Smoke-eaters extinguish a blaze that consumed an unoccupied car at the Fourth Avenue rest area on the Belt Parkway at 11:18 am on Jan. 23. There were no injuries, and the cause of the fire remains unknown.

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Parking

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and start looking for — and paying for — street spaces like the rest of us. And that doesn't sit well with some of them.

"I found it very disappointing and disturbing," said Community Board 10 chairwoman Joanne Seminara. "We're volunteers, and we spend countless hours every week traveling throughout the district to attend different meetings."

Seminara and her peers have lorded it over regular motorists for years by routinely displaying two parking permits from the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, one for the unpaid chair and another for the salaried district manager, allowing free parking at most metered spots in the city for up to three hours.

But that's all coming to an end on Feb. 1, and the grassroots gladiators are cringing at the thought of having to cut short their civic meetings because they have to move the car.

"If I park at a meter that only takes an hour's worth of quarters, I can't stay at the meetings the whole time," said Community Board 15 chair-



NO PARKING: The city is revoking the free-parking privileges that community board chairs have enjoyed for years, and Community Board 15 chairwoman Theresa Scavo says she'll be spending less time at civic meetings, and more time feeding the meters.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

woman Theresa Scavo. Community board members are appointed by council members and borough presidents to field community complaints, provide permits for block parties and street fairs, and manage special projects, including organizing tenants' associations and coordinating neighborhood cleanups.

District managers, who get

to keep their passes, said the city was victimizing folks who gave their free time selflessly to their neighborhoods.

"They're doing the community a favor," said Community Board 18 district manager Dorothy Turano. "I'm doing it as part of my obligation, and there's no question I deserve to have this pass, but so does [Community Board 18 chairman] Sol



Needle."

One affected activist wasn't too bothered about getting dumped, claiming that he didn't have much use for the freebie pass anyway.

"I never used one," said Community Board One chairman Chris Olechowski. "I'm very close to the community board and when I drive, I always find a parking spot."

The mayor's press office didn't respond to calls for comment.

Albanese

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resented Bay Ridge in the city council.

"After years of demonizing teachers and ignoring parents, the administration has proven itself unwilling and unable to lead meaningful negotiations."

The outrage came after the city and the teachers' union failed to reach a deal on a new procedure for evaluating 75,000 public school teachers by a deadline last Thursday night, potentially costing the city \$250 million in state aid and \$200 million in federal aid.

Albanese spokesman Todd Brogan said Bloomberg's recent remarks that the United Federation of Teachers' requests were "a joke," while comparing the union to the National Rifle Association, were counterproductive because moms and dads generally sympathized with the educators.

"Most of the parents we talk to know their kids teachers, and know that they aren't raiding the public coffers the way the mayor tries to portray them," he said.

Albanese said his school to-do list would focus on early childhood education and more community involvement.

Bloomberg's office refused to respond to Albanese's criticisms, but claimed hizzoner's conduct was above reproach.

"The mayor has been very respectful," said spokeswoman Lauren Passalacqua.

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A sore subject

New York Methodist Hospital doctor talks strep throat concerns and treatment

You've had a sore throat for a few days and it's only getting worse. You've tried lozenges, over-the-counter medications, and several gallons of your favorite herbal tea with honey. Now you're spiking a fever, you haven't been hungry for a while, and you're noticing pain in your lower abdomen as well. It's time to get to the doctor, because you may have a case of strep throat.

"Though causes of sore throats can also include the common cold, laryngitis, the flu, or other infections or injuries, the strep bacteria is responsible for almost 40 percent of sore throats in children, and 15 percent of sore throats in adults," said

Joseph Bove, MD, chairman of New York Methodist Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine. "However, too often, patients believe that it's necessary to run to the ER if they suspect that they have a case of strep throat. While it's important to see your doctor promptly if you've developed the symptoms of strep, it usually does not merit a trip to the emergency room. New York Methodist Hospital has an outstanding staff of primary care providers who can help patients with strep throat, the flu, pertussis, and other illnesses that are common in the winter months."

To determine if a patient

has strep, a doctor first performs a medical examination and looks for key symptoms, which can include enlarged lymph nodes, fever, redness, swelling, and white spots on the tonsils. The doctor may then administer a rapid strep test, which provides highly accurate results in minutes. A throat culture (a laboratory diagnostic test to find a bacteria or fungal infections in the throat) is another method to test for strep throat, and may also be necessary. Throat cultures are still considered to be the "gold standard" of strep diagnosis, but the results of a throat culture can take 24 to 48 hours, making a rapid



Aric Kupper, MD, attending physician in New York Methodist's Department of Emergency Medicine, evaluates a patient for strep throat.

strep test a more ideal option in many cases, especially if a patient's symptoms are highly indicative of strep.

Ultimately, there's no reason to be sore about

strep throat. While the disease is very contagious, and can potentially cause complications, strep throat that has been diagnosed early is highly treatable with a course of penicillin, amoxi-

cillin, or other antibiotics.

Visit New York Methodist Hospital's physician referral service at www.nym.org to find a primary care provider who can help you address your symptoms.

Improved healthcare quality

The Brooklyn Hospital Center is working to improve healthcare quality, affordability, efficiency, and outcomes for Brooklynites.

The hospital is joining the Brooklyn Health Information Exchange, a Regional Health Information Organization that serves institutions that represent the continuum of care across Brooklyn. The affiliation facilitates the Brooklyn Hospital Center's participation in a statewide health information network in order to share health records and care management information with other Brooklyn healthcare providers, improving care for patients.

"This is a major step forward in our ongoing efforts to keep Brooklyn healthy," says the Brooklyn Hospital Center's President and CEO Richard B. Becker, MD. "Our patients will benefit from our ability to share and coordinate health care information with other phy-

sicians, hospitals, long-term and home care services, community-based organizations, government agencies and insurers."

The Brooklyn Health Information Exchange was the first regional organization in New York City to support the New York eHealth Collaborative in its efforts to integrate the downstate region and ultimately the entire state into a unified network for healthcare records, he added.

"We continue to work with the Brooklyn Health Information Exchange on our next planning phase, including features that will permit care givers to search for patient's health records, review medications, existing allergies and lab results, monitor real-time alerts, and securely communicate with other [exchange] users," said Joan Clark, SVP-Strategic Planning.

The exchange will also facilitate real-time event

notifications, allowing clinicians to create programs to monitor healthcare activities for chronically ill patients. This will allow the Brooklyn Hospital Center to realize a collaborative model of care across the community. It will also permit access to insurance information, immunizations, social and family history, discharge summaries, and advanced directives, pursuant to patient consent, all within a secure system environment.

The Brooklyn Health Information Exchange aggregates data from more than two million patient records, representing encounters at dozens of healthcare facilities and insurers, most of whom feed data on a real-time basis. Its participants include hospitals, health centers, nursing homes, home care agencies, payers, and a growing number of community-based and mental health organizations and provider practices.



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WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK: Staff Sgt. Justin Wood sweeps up spent ammo casings at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas on Jan. 8.

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Sweeping up the cash

HARBOR WATCH

Staff Sgt. Justin Wood, the 47th Security Forces Squadron assistant non-commissioned officer in charge of combat arms, along with several of his fellow instructors, decided to change how airmen at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas recycled their spent ammunition shells, helping to save the base money.

"The changes were pretty easy, and really spur of the moment," Wood said. "It was something that worked for us and is great for other small bases and possibly

larger ones, too."

After noticing 60 crates filled with brass casings stacked outside the firing range waiting to be recycled, Wood decided they looked tacky and something had to be done.

The six-year veteran of security forces decided to cut out the middle man and do a little leg work.

"Normally, we take the used casings to our munitions guys to handle recycling and they, in turn, have the casings picked up by the recycling center," Wood said. "We chose to save them time by contact-

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All for one & one for all

Sgt. Maj. Battaglia visits with members of every service

HARBOR WATCH

Once a person dons the uniform of his branch of service it can be easy to let his identity as an airman, soldier, sailor, or Marine cloud the fact that he is a member of a larger U.S. military.

Marine Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, the senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reminded airmen of this bigger picture on Jan. 16.

During his visit to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., he had the opportunity to acquaint himself with Keesler's people, mission, and contribution to that greater military picture.

"I've seen a lot of good things on this base in a short amount of time, even some things that I'm going to take back up to D.C. with me," said Battaglia, the highest-ranking enlisted member of the U.S. military.

He also said his favorite part of the visit was meeting airmen and listening to the pride they have for what they do for the 81st Training Wing.

"I love having opportunities to approach service members and listen to you talk about your jobs, there's nothing better or more refreshing or more rewarding for me than to do that," Battaglia said.

The base trains airmen across a spectrum of specialties and also hosts Marines and sailors for joint-weather training.

"Our non-prior service airmen that are training here at Keesler Air Force Base are our top priority,



TALKING SHOP: Marine Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia discusses the 81st Training Group's leadership program. Photo by Kemberly Groue

training is what we do, it's our mission and we're very proud of it," said Chief Master Sgt. Angelica Johnson, 81st TRW command chief.

"You never have a rank that makes you exempt from learning," Battaglia said. "If I don't practice my skill, my art, it becomes perishable. The lack of proficiency brings on irrelevancy, so it's vitally important that we continue to train and educate."

A few benefits of a joint-training environment, like

that of Keesler's weather school, are that it allows service members to share different ideas, thoughts, and practices.

"The joint environment provides us the opportunity to set our parochialism and our egos aside, listen to some other thoughts and ideas that our peer group may have, and inject them where we can to make our military more efficient and effective," he added.

Battaglia also held an enlisted call to reiterate

the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's four priorities, his own key themes, and total-force fitness.

The chairman's four priorities are: achieve our national objectives in the current conflicts, develop joint force 2020, keep faith with our military family, and renew our commitment to the profession of arms. Battaglia's key themes parallel those of the chairman's: bridging the basics by enhancing core competencies, preserving readiness, and strengthening our commitment to the total force.

"If they're the chairman's priorities, they should be our priorities," he said. "That's why we're all here as members of this armed force, that's why we all serve."

Battaglia also said he uses the oath of enlistment, which is identical for all enlisted members no matter what their ranks or branches of service, to renew his commitment to the armed forces and remember why he serves.

"Whether you know it or not, you're willing to give your life for your nation. Think about that, it's pretty powerful," Battaglia said. "And you volunteered. That says a lot about your character."

If he could give one piece of advice to enlisted members, Battaglia said it would be the same advice he received early in his career to do his job to the best of his ability and follow orders.

"I found that those two golden rules helped me along the way and probably played a significant impact as to why I'm sitting in this position today," he said.

Deep freeze for the armed forces

In advance of the new budget, service members begin tightening their belts

HARBOR WATCH

In advance of possible extreme budget cuts that could arrive in March, Army leadership has called for an immediate hiring freeze and spelled out other pre-emptive measures meant to help the service prepare for a fiscal cliff.

In a memo dated Jan. 16, Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno laid out 15 "near-term" actions to help the Army "reduce our expenditure rate and mitigate budget execution risks in order to avoid even more serious future fiscal shortfalls."

"We expect commanders and supervisors at all levels to implement both the guidance contained in this memorandum and the detailed instructions to follow," wrote McHugh and Odierno.

"The fiscal situation and outlook are serious." First among those actions is an immediate freeze on civilian hiring, though Army leaders have left commanders with some latitude in the policy for "humanitarian and mission-critical purposes." Also among employment-related measures spelled out in the memo is a termination of temporary employees when "consistent with mission requirements."

The memo also directs installation commanders to reduce base operations support for fiscal year 2013, which runs from Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013, to levels that are about 70 percent of fiscal year 2012. Commanders have been asked to reduce support to community and recreational activities and to also reduce utilities consumption "to the maximum extent possible."

Non-mission-essential training activities are also up for reduction. In particular, training not related to



SLASHED: In advance of possible extreme budget cuts, Army leadership has called for an immediate hiring freeze and spelled out other preemptive measures meant to help the service prepare for a fiscal cliff.

Photo by C. Todd Lopez

Ready Brigade." Also targeted is conference attendance and professional training that is not mission essential.

The secretary and the chief have also directed installation commanders to cease facility sustainment activity that is not "directly connected to matters of life, health, or safety," and to stop restoration and modernization projects.

Army senior leadership has also spelled out changes for Army acquisition, logistics, and technology. All production contracts and research, development, testing, and evaluation contracts that exceed \$500 million must be reviewed by the under secretary of defense for acquisition, logistics, and technology.

The assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics, and technology must also assess the impacts of "budgetary uncertainty" on science and technology accounts.

The secretary and chief of staff state civilian furloughs could be a "last resort" possibility in fiscal year 2013.

"Therefore, no action should be taken with regard to furloughs without the express approval of the secretary of the Army."

Any measures taken as a result of the Jan. 16 memo must be reversible, the document states.

"At this point, the steps should focus on actions that are reversible if the budgetary situation improves and should minimize harm to readiness," McHugh and Odierno write.

The memo also notes that "funding related to wartime operations and Wounded Warrior programs" will not be affected.



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Sweeping

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ing our recycling guys and seeing how we could turn in the stuff ourselves."

Wood discovered that the base's recycling center cannot recycle the brass casings, but has a contract with an outside recycler who can.

The base center gets a fraction of the recycling profits, which it uses to cover its overhead, and anything above its profit cap goes back to the base.

By transporting the brass themselves to this outside recycler, Wood earned an average of 50 cents more per pound. This turned the 60 crates of brass, weighing in at 2,000 pounds, into \$3,100 for the base recycling program — an impressive feat for a small base like Laughlin, which only sees 850 students a year at the firing range.

"We coordinated the truck and turned it all in," Wood said. "We do the leg work, and we get a better price on recycling."

In comparison, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, puts more than 37,000 people and more than one million rounds of ammunition through Combat Arms Training and Maintenance each year, but has the ability to recycle its casings at the base's recycling center, explained Staff Sgt. Christopher Manrique, a 37th Training Support Squadron Combat Weapons Flight range controller.

"It's a great idea for smaller bases in a similar situation," Manrique said. "It saves money as tougher budget issues loom."

Wood never thought the simple notion of cutting out the middleman to get rid of a pile of spent casings would garner so much attention, but according to the Air Education and Training Command's cost conscience culture initiative, if each command airman saves just \$3 per day, the command can save \$37 million in a year.

"After figuring out the 'how,' it was all pretty easy," Wood said. "I didn't see this idea going anywhere."

Wood's idea was passed up to command as a way to reduce costs throughout.

And his fellow instructors, who helped make the changes, can't help but praise him.

"Wood thought this was something that needed to be done, and he was right," said senior airman Richard Bates, a 47th combat arms instructor.

Staff Sgt. Shawn Jackson, a 47th Security Forces Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of combat arms, believes that Wood's idea has the potential to make a big impact.

"Some don't know the steps on how to do this, and (Staff Sgt.) Wood found those steps. That's most of the legwork needed to get started right there," Jackson said.

Wood's initial intent might have simply been to clean up, but his idea has plenty of potential.

"We try to save money where we can. We don't even have our lights on most of the time at CATM," he said. "I'm glad, in the end, my idea saves money."

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Indiana reader wants lowdown on Coney

To the editor,
My class is reading “A Walk Across America,” a book about Peter Jenkins walking across America to learn about the country. We decided to pick a state and learn about it, just like Peter. I picked New York for the state, and Coney Island as my “city.”

What I would like to know from your readers is what they think attracts people to live in Coney Island, and what does Coney Island mean to them. What are places that attract tourists to come? What is the best thing about Coney Island to the people that live there? What do the people of Coney think is the number one reason for tourists to come there?

I give my thanks to the people of Coney, and to the editor who put my letter in the paper.

Please send your letters and postcards to help me with my report to: Sean Latham, Covenant Christian School, 54790 Fir Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.
Sean Latham
Mishawaka, IN

Achoo city

To the editor,
Every worker I encountered recently at a health care facility in Brooklyn Heights was coughing and sneezing.

I asked most of them if they had gotten a flu shot — sheepishly, they all said they had not. I found it disgusting when being coughed upon by the physician’s assistant.

Flu shots should be mandatory for all those working in the health care system, like it is in some states.

If a person was not sick or infected before they entered this facility, then they surely would have been afterwards, due to the amount of infectious coughing and sneezing that was going on. It was wrong!

Justine Swartz
Brooklyn Heights

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To the editor,
As one who is a long and bitter sceptic of the flu inoculation, I still believe taking the flu shot is, by and large, worse than not taking it at all.

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SOUND OFF TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

The flu virus can morph itself into a million-plus types of strains, like a chameleon, which is known for changing colors for self-protection. Bacteria poses less danger, but people could have a reaction to a particular substance without worrying about it morphing itself.

Also, a substance in peanuts is also present in the flu shot, and it can cause some people to go into shock. Late syndicated columnist Sidney Zion’s daughter was allergic to peanuts, and was hospitalized for an unrelated condition only to die after going into shock when she was fed peanut butter by improperly trained staff.

The Zion tragedy prompted Gov. Mario Cuomo to sign Libby’s Law, limiting the work schedules of interns and residents from 20 hours a day to 15 hours a day. Unfortunately, it is not enforced these days because hospital interns and residents are fearful it might endanger their jobs.

As for me, I will consume a diet rich in grapefruit juice and tomatoes. At least I haven’t heard of anybody dying from vitamin C.

Elliott Abosh
Brighton Beach

Graffiti jungle

To the editor,
I was on the Q train going to Manhattan one recent beautiful and clear day, and the first thing that caught my eye was the amount of graffiti on the cement walls as we approached some subway stations.

Someone had even sprayed on some of the pillars of the Manhattan Bridge. It completely amazed me. How do they get to these out-of-the-way places anyway?

Some of these areas, especially in the innards of the subway system, are so dark, what do they do for light?

As you reach the end of the bridge, nearing lower Manhattan, the buildings are covered with graffiti. Some of the “artwork” completely covers the facade of the buildings facing the bridge. The writings are so high, these “artists” must carry ladders with them. If some of them used their ingenuity toward some good, what a better place this would be.

I once needed some spray-paint to complete a small renovation project at home. I walked into Home Depot, and found the spray-paint under lock and key, which made me wonder how kids get their hands on it. Then I discovered that Amazon.com sells all kinds of spray-paint, and even spray guns!

A PBS special called “The History of American Graffiti” called graffiti an art

form. Maybe, if it was placed in a gallery setting, but defacing someone’s property is not art, it’s a crime. It’s tagging, marking turf, a symbol of gang mentality, call it what you will, it is still punishable by law.

Graffiti lowers the value of a neighborhood. Would you buy a house if you saw graffiti on every storefront or garage door? If we can’t keep spray-paint out of the hands of vandals, how can we hope to keep guns out of the hands of crazies?

Jo Bisogno
Old Mill Basin

Class rules

To the editor,
Mayor Bloomberg conveniently forgets that students make a school. Schools with low ratings probably have the most difficult students to contend with.

These are the same schools with high teacher turnover each year. Until you straighten out the discipline in many of our schools, and stop blaming teachers for everything going wrong, you are destined to have a school system that shall continue to fail as the years go on.

If you were to take the teachers from the Bronx High School of Science, and Brooklyn Technical High School, and transfer them to these low-rated schools, you would see these teachers being rated as being ineffective within a short time. Why? They could never exist with the disciplinary outrages that go on these schools.

It’s much easier for supervisors to blame teachers. Inwardly, they praise the Lord for either having never taught themselves, or if they did, they were able to get out the classroom as quickly as possible.

Longer school days and year? Cooperative learning? Alternate assessments? Smart boards? Supervisors telling teachers that they’re not motivating the youngsters? All nonsense.

Start with zero tolerance for any disciplinary infraction. Bring back the 600 schools and get Absent Teacher Reserve teachers back to regular classrooms, so as to lower burgeoning class sizes.

Let the mayor, Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott, and all his spokespeople, start teaching in our schools. Let them see what it’s like. Let the United Federation of Teachers start advocating for its members, and not concern itself with other events outside education.

Let the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators make sure their members taught first before they flee to the world of supervision. **Ed Greenspan**
Sheepshead Bay

Prez Bam-baller

To the editor,
I missed my invitation to attend President Obama’s inauguration in Washington.

Top-tier donors who have raised millions have packages that include access to the inauguration’s parade of exclusive receptions and other events. Some will even be allowed to rub shoulders with the president, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and other members of the Democratic Party elite on the official presidential viewing stand to watch the inauguration parade.

Second-tier donors may attend a candlelight reception at the National Building Museum. This includes a photo reception with the president, Vice President Joe Biden, and their wives at a cost of up to \$100,000 per ticket. No need to bring your camera!

Late-breaking news for third-tier donors — they can participate in the marked-down discount “Monroe package” for only \$7,500. This includes preferred tickets to all of Monday’s festivities, including two V.I.P. tickets to the inaugural parade, along with two tickets to the official inaugural ball in the premium section. Tuxedos, formal gowns, and stretch limos are extra. Will any of these participants be traveling around town on the subway with ordinary commuters?

The White House bashes Wall Street with one hand, but continues to be looking for big bucks with the other. President Obama’s inaugural committee is still millions of dollars short of their \$50 million fundraising goal. The professional fundraisers, who raised \$1 billion to guarantee his re-election, continue to solicit contributions from the usual crowd of Wall Street executives, along with lobbyists, trial lawyers, real estate developers, Hollywood celebrities, special interest groups, millionaires and the “K” Street Washington pay-for-play crowd.

At those prices, working or middle-class people will be hard to find at most inaugural balls, except in the kitchen or serving. I can never afford the price of a ticket, but I am willing to park limousines, check coats, or bus tables.

Obama claims to be a friend of the “99 percent,” but nothing will change in his second term. He still loves spending time dining and partying with the “one percent.”

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.

Once again, Stan's got the numbers

Here's another of one of my reader favorites. I call it "America by the Numbers."

The opposition to a ban on handguns is at an all-time high. Some folks are finding it hard to believe, but it comes from a reliable pollster. The folks over at Gallup took this poll shortly after the Newtown massacre when the anti-gun people were at their loudest, and came up with the following results: the various polls tell us that most of America wants a ban on the big weapons, but 74 percent of America does NOT want to see a ban on handguns. What's your thinking on this?

Shrinkage is the polite word for loss of inventory by way of theft. The crime is mostly known to us as shoplifting. A study by the University of Florida for the National Retail Federation says losses in the United States amounted to \$34.5 billion last year. Most folks say, "So what. The big corporations can afford it."

No, my friends. Those big corporations see their losses as an added expense and build them into new selling prices that affect us all. Experts estimate the average American family pays between \$400 and \$2,000 a year as a result of merchants and manufacturers increasing what they charge to offset their losses. In simple English, they steal and we pay.

Are there too many Americans dependent on the government for financial aid or not enough? Or is the level of dependency about right?

Americans strongly believe that there is too much government dependency in the country today. The latest Rasmussen Report national telephone survey finds that 64 percent of adults think that too many Americans have their hands out for a handout. A mere 10 percent think not enough Americans are dependent on the government, while 16 percent say the level of dependency is about right.

How would you rate the way Congress is doing its job? That question was asked the very first week of 2013. Only five percent think it is doing a good



IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

Stanley P. Gershbein

job. Twenty-four percent consider it fair. A whopping 69 percent think Washington stinks. Well, they didn't use that word, but you know what I mean.

So your daughter is a high school senior and we know that she will be heading for college, but she's made no real decisions about her future. Here's something you might want to talk about with her. Three decades ago, women represented less than 10 percent of doctors in the United States and less than five percent of the lawyers. Right now they make up about a third of each, and that amount is growing. You can sum up the reason for that growth in one word — opportunity.

So how does America like Obamacare now? With 46 percent finding it favorable and 49 percent still against it, the numbers are pretty close to even. This is the latest poll taken just a very short time ago but those numbers are expected to change. Right now 73 percent believe that Obamacare will cost a lot more than we've been lead to believe. Stay tuned.

During fiscal year 2012, the U.S. ran a trillion dollar deficit while at the same time it spent a record \$80.4 billion on food stamps, a \$2.7-billion increase from the previous year. I am StanGershbein@Bell-south.net very much in favor of feeding the hungry, but not this way. The program needs a drastic overhaul.

France takes on radical Muslims, because U.S. won't

The United States is a multicultural monarch, but its head is in the sand when it comes to radical Islam, leaving nations like France to act against shariah-shriekers looking to gain ferocious footholds across the globe.

President Francois Hollande rushed troops into Mali last week in an independent attempt to free its former West African colony from brutal fanatical Islamists, while protecting his nation's energy interests there and keeping the kooks away from his backyard.

As payback, extremists in neighboring Algeria took hundreds of people hostage, including several Americans and Britons, prompting the Algerian Army to launch a deadly strike against the terrorists. The four-day siege killed three Americans with six Britons feared dead at press time.

Yet America is more abuzz about disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong's doping offenses — in keeping with a dopey society that is so



A BRITISHER'S VIEW

Shavana Abruzzo

sanitized by the wash of political correctness that it cannot recognize evil or take a stand against it for fear of being branded a racist.

Al-Qaida-linked Islamists are making Mali their latest haven, banning "Satan's music" on radio stations, and glorifying violence against innocent citizens.

Fatima Al Hassan told the Washington Post last year that Muslim cops yanked her out of her home in the legendary city of Timbuktu, beat her up, tossed her into a truck, and drove her to their station house where she was told she would be whipped 100 times with an electrical cord — all for the "crime" of giving water to a male visitor.

The appalling incident is as routine as the silence of mainstream Muslims towards radical Islam's victims.

The extremists are merciless,

and have no regret for leaving a trail of collateral carnage along the way. They have achieved their catastrophic desires by operating cohesively and simultaneously in several countries, and by kicking western ideals to the curb.

"In the recent wave of anti-western demonstrations, political Islam has operated globally," reported Al-Jazeera after the U.S. embassy attacks in Libya on 9-11. "It is a curious reversal of the historic imperial relation, in which it was the west who did the dividing and ruling."

Around 50 of the world's 196 official countries — an astonishing one quarter — are governed by Muslims, have Muslim-majority populations, and are guided by Muslim principles. Yet not one of them feels moved to act significantly against their murderous holy warriors.

That should be cause for concern for everyone — far above and beyond the capers of lying Lance.

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The little Nook that changed my mind

Some time ago, in this very column, I extolled my love for the printed word, stating, "I love books, the smell of the ink, the feel of the paper, the leather spines. I will never buy an e-reader."

Well, I was wrong. Yes, that's right, you heard it here first, I was wrong.

I know when my husband Bob reads this, he will fall off his chair because there have only been a scant few times that I have ever been wrong, and he's never let me forget them. But here it is. I was wrong.

When Bri started college two years ago she wanted an e-reader. Her reasoning at the time was: "Why should I carry all those heavy text books when I can put them on an e-reader and carry that instead?"

It was a very good point. But like all good points, there is always a better one. And that was to just download the books on her laptop and carry that instead. Of course, this decision came after I went out and purchased a Nook. Oh well, she could always use it for leisure reading. That never happened.

And so it sat in the box gathering dust mites.



NOT FOR NUTHIN'

Joanna DelBuono

One night, several months ago, I got the urge to try and program the Nook. I took it out of the box, all pristine and new, and began the registration process. After several unsuccessful attempts, I called the Nook hot line and spoke to a tech. After she tried several times, all unsuccessful, to register and turn it on, she gave up the ghost too, telling me, "It seems that this one is defective." You think?

She continued, "Take the original receipt, the confirmation number I provide you with, and go to

the nearest Barnes and Noble for a replacement."

And so I did. After giving the clerk the receipt and the new number, she handed me a replacement Nook all pristine in the box, along with a cheat-sheet of instructions.

I left the store with every intention of cranking it up as soon as I arrived home.

That never happened. Again, the little Nook sat in the bag, all pristine and new, gathering dust mites. Until last weekend, that is.

Wanting something to read, but too lazy to go to the library or to the bookstore, I decided to again face the Nook head-on. Armed and ready to do battle, I took out the sheet and followed it to the letter. Of all the wonders in the universe, within moments, that little Nook whirled and blinked, and was up and running, waiting to be filled with books.

So far I've downloaded five.

Not for nuthin', but even though I will always love the smell and feel of real books, leather spines and all, this little Nook book is a pretty good invention. Sorry Gutenberg.

Follow me on Twitter @JDelBuono.

Man, is Carmine ever angry with Sovereign

I'm still madder than TV's Jim Cramer in a short-sleeve shirt over the fact that my pal just got another letter from Sovereign Bank claiming he still owes it money because some nincompoops over there think it's good business to honor money transfers from closed accounts.

Look, you all read last week's column about how Sovereign Bank is holding my buddy's credit rating hostage with the type of scam that is probably legal, but should be considered illegal to the highest degree. But if you've been in a coma for a week or got this flu bug that's going around and haven't been able to keep up with your reading, I'll explain it to you in three quick sentences:

My pal closed his Sovereign Bank account in August.

In November, the gas company requested from Sovereign about \$40 from the closed account.

Once it received the re-



BIG SCREECHER
Carmine Santa Maria

quest, Sovereign Bank reopened the closed account, gave the gas company the money, and charged the poor sap a \$70 overdraft fee, then began mailing and calling his house demanding the 110 bucks.

He tried to reason with a number of people on the phone, telling them he'd happily write a check for

the \$40, but the bankers demanded the whole amount, fees and all.

So being that I am the person that I am, I wrote about this injustice on this very page, both web and print.

Now, normally that would be enough to solve the problem. Well, not with Sovereign Bank, probably because it is run by some company in Spain.

So when I found out that he got another letter from Sovereign tacitly threatening him to pay up or it would forever hurt his credit rating, it nearly knocked me off my trusty steed *Tornado*.

The letter was short and sweet. It told him his account, which, I remind you, he closed back in August, had again been closed, this time for "non-payment of the overdraft fees." On top, it said he owed \$110.14, right beneath where it said in all caps "FINAL NOTICE."

Then came the threat: "We have told a credit bureau about the late pay-

ment, missed payment or other default on your account. That information may be reflected in your credit report."

So what they are saying here is, if you don't pay us the money we charged to your closed account, we'll go after your ability to get a loan, or open a new credit car, or buy that new car you've been dreaming about for years.

The letter ended on a happy note: "It's not too late to resolve this matter, if you act quickly!"

Well, he certainly did! He talked to me!

Oh! And guess who signed the letter? Some guy who has the unfortunate name "Sovereign Bank, N.A. Early Stage Collections."

Wait a second! That's not a name at all! Apparently no one had the guts to sign it!

Look, I don't want to go on a rant here, but what is happening now is just plain wrong. My buddy — who assures me his credit rating is impeccable — says he'll

gladly pay back the bank the money it put up for the gas bill.

But that is as far as it should go. Any reasonable bank would understand that. Let us hope that someone reasonable at Sovereign reads this and takes care of this whole problem before things get even more out of hand.

Now's the point in the column where I change gears and give you some good news. You all know that I buy myself my own presents for Christmas because nobody knows me better than yours truly.

Well, this Christmas I got myself one of those fancy foot bath massagers with all the bells and whistles from the Brookstone Brookstore in the Staten Island Mall. Of course, my lovely wife Sharon hated this present, even though when I opened it up on Christmas morning the tag on it said it was from home. She demanded I bring it right back, because the thing was gigantic and

was blocking our beautiful Christmas tree.

It sat there a few weeks because it was so big, but I finally got it back to the Mall via Access-A-Ride. Problem was I couldn't get it inside because it was too darn heavy, I couldn't see with it on my lap, and poor *Tornado* was squealing.

As luck would have it, two guys from the local 1188 — the yellow bus drivers union — who were explaining their plight to the masses saw me struggling and offered to help me out. They brought the box into the Brookstores for me, and I got my money back. When I offered to pay them for their trouble, they refused, telling me "No, thanks, we often look to help shoppers that look like they need a hand."

And to think, the mayor can't cut a deal with these great guys? He could learn something from their kindness.

Screech at you next week!

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BY WILL BREDDERMAN

Students at Poly Prep aren't dancing in the dark — they're bringing light into the lives of those who need it most.

Kids at the Dyker Heights high school raised \$6,000 for two charities for people with special needs by performing at the sixth-annual Afternoon of Student Choreography show on Jan. 13.

Twelfth-grader Jacqueline Chirido — who has already distinguished herself on the volleyball court — organized and oversaw the event for her senior project, an individual capstone achievement all students at the school on Battery Avenue must complete before they graduate.

Chirido, who started dancing at age 4, said the decision was personal: a close friend has a cousin with special needs.

"That was really a trigger for me to get involved," she said.

She spent months casting 100-plus dancers and arranging rehearsals, and produced and even performed in the event herself. But as exhausting as it was, Chirido said the experience was its own reward.

"Working with your peers for a common goal for a common cause is really an amazing feeling, and what we're about here at Poly Prep," the Far Rockaway native said.



HIGH SCHOOL DANCE: Students at Poly Prep performed to raise money for a special-needs children's camp.



GOOD NOTES: Poly Prep senior Phillip Lawson performs with his group Blue Notes during the dance concert on Jan. 13.



FEET OF STRENGTH: Senior Jania Walker-Anderson performs at Poly Prep's sixth-annual Afternoon of Student Choreography. Photos by Elizabeth Graham

BAY RIDGE CHURCHES CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

He had a dream — and so do they!

Dozens of Ridgites came out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on 75th Street and Fourth Avenue the night of Jan. 21 for a candlelight vigil to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. — and to pro-

mote his cause of nonviolence.

"It's a way to show our respect for the points Dr. King made," said Pastor Bob Emmerick of Bay Ridge United Methodist Church on Ovington Avenue between Third and Fourth avenues, who helped orga-

nize the event with the Peace Action Bay Ridge Interfaith Peace Coalition. "We need to learn to respect people enough to solve our problems without violence — and that has implications for everyone, everywhere, at all times."



KEEPING THE FLAME: Ridgites, including (center) young Nico Ottaviani and (right) Mary Martinez, lit candles for peace at a vigil honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 21. Photos by Steve Solomonson

Birthday cheers and wishes for Sal

CONEY ISLAND

Celebrate, celebrate 100 years of good living!

Many memorable events occurred in 1913 — the post office began parcel post delivery, the National Woman's Party formed, New York City's Grand Central Terminal opened, and the Internal Revenue Service began collecting income tax (okay we'd like to forget that one!), but the biggest event to shake the world occurred on Jan. 17 of that year when centenarian **Sal Greco** came into the world. Last week, Standing O pal Sal, who has been living in Trump Village since 1963, celebrated his milestone birthday with cake and friends at the JASA Trump 4 building.



Friends from the Reminiscence group, which meets twice a month and where Sal is a charter member, helped the birthday boy blow out the candles of his very impressive cake.

Standing O wishes Sal another 100 years of good living.

JASA at Trump Village [2942 W. Fifth St. at Neptune Avenue in Coney Island].

BOROUGH WIDE

TEAL strikes it big

It's cheers out to the **Tell Every Amazing Lady About Ovarian Cancer Louisa M. McGregor Ovarian Cancer Foundation**, (aka **TEAL**), which was recently honored with the 2012 Top-Rated award by **GreatNonProfits** for being the best nonprofit around. The award, based on receiving the most positive reviews by volunteers, donors, and clients, gives future donors and volunteers confidence that this is a very credible organization. Since its inception the foundation has raised more than \$287,000 for ovarian cancer research and awareness.

Cold weather pet tips

Man's best friend doesn't like the cold any more than man, so the **ASPCA** has offered top tips to keep Fido roasty-toasty through the winter months.

Always walk your pooch on a leash, especially in the snow, as dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. Don't shave your pet to the skin — keep a full coat on



IT'S A GIRL!: Katie and Ben Muessig show off brand-new baby Olive.

Stork drops a bundle on the Muessigs

PARK SLOPE

Stop the presses! Yes sirree, **Olive Muessig** is here! **Ben**, "**That's our man**" **Muessig** and lovely wife **Katie** welcomed their bundle of joy — daughter Olive — on Jan. 21 at 8:13 pm. Baby Muessig weighed in at 7 pounds 9 ounces and measured 19 and 3/4 inch in length. As you may know, Ben is our deputy editor, and along with Katie, has been eagerly awaiting Olive's appearance for

the past several days. We here in the office have been excited, too, promptly cornering Ben every morning with the official greeting, "Well, did Katie have the baby yet?"

We are hoping that Olive will visit daddy at the office in the near future, so we can all coo, coo, and coo.

Standing O sends out hugs, kisses, and many congratulations to the Muessigs, as we all welcome precious lil' Olive into the world!

your pooch to keep him warm in his natural fur; short-haired dogs can benefit from a coat or sweater. Never leave Fido or Fiffy in the car alone, as temps in cars can drop dramatically, putting your pet in danger from the cold. And make sure he has a warm place to sleep, away from drafts.

Senator for a day contest

It's that time of year!

State Sen. **Marty Golden** (R-Bay Ridge) presents his essay challenge for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in his district to compete in the "If I Were A State Senator for a Day" contest.

Every year, the venerable senator tasks students with informing him why they should replace him for a day. The essay should be approximately 250 words long, begin with the phrase, "If I were a state sen-

ator for a day," and address issues facing the community. Come on, kids, you know you can do it. If you have the answers to the golden question, give the essay to your teacher and have your teacher return the entry to:

Senator Marty Golden, c/o Senator for a Day Contest, 7408 Fifth Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11209, by March 18.

BENSONHURST

And the answer is...

The girls at **Bishop Kearney High School** really kicked butt when they kicked off this year's season of "The Challenge," facing off against fellow scholars at **Edward R. Murrow High School** on Dec. 4. The MSG Varsity quiz show on Cablevision challenged the teen titans with questions on



DOWNTOWN

Three gold badges

The most interesting man in Brooklyn, 84th Precinct Community Council president **Leslie Lewis**, presented the **Finest cop** in Brooklyn, 84th Precinct's **Officer Julius Hudson**, with the "Cop of the Year" award during ceremonies at Borough Hall on Jan. 15.

Captain **Maximo Tolentino**, the CO of the 84th, and Assemblywoman **Joan Millman** (D-Brooklyn Heights) were on hand to share the joy and help Leslie do the honors.

Brooklyn's bravest and Standing O pal Julius has been with the force for nearly two decades, and became a youth officer eight years ago. As such, Julius mentors the borough's young'uns' and works with Cops for Kids, while helping out with summer youth activities. He also runs the precinct's Explorer program, which gets teens involved in community service, including removing that scourge of all urban areas, graffiti, as well as walking the walk for the March of Dimes and breast cancer.

No one does it better than PO Julius Hudson, and nobody shouts it out finer than Standing O!

84th Police Precinct [301 Gold St. at Tillary Street in Downtown (718) 875-6811].

history, arts and literature, current events, and math and science. The final question, "In what year did Paul Revere take his famous ride?" stumped the Morrow team and they incorrectly buzzed "1776." The Kearney team of **Lorena Lipe**, **Caroline Strehle**, **Katherine Sandormirsky**, **Billie Wi, Jennifer Kuhn**, and **Alessia Giarracca** rang in with the right answer of 1775, and clinched the tourney.

Advisors Sister **Rosemarie Baglivio**, assistant principal, and Dr. **Anne Mulligan**, academic advisor, were cheering in the wings as the girls trounced their opponents and celebrated the sweet smell of victory.

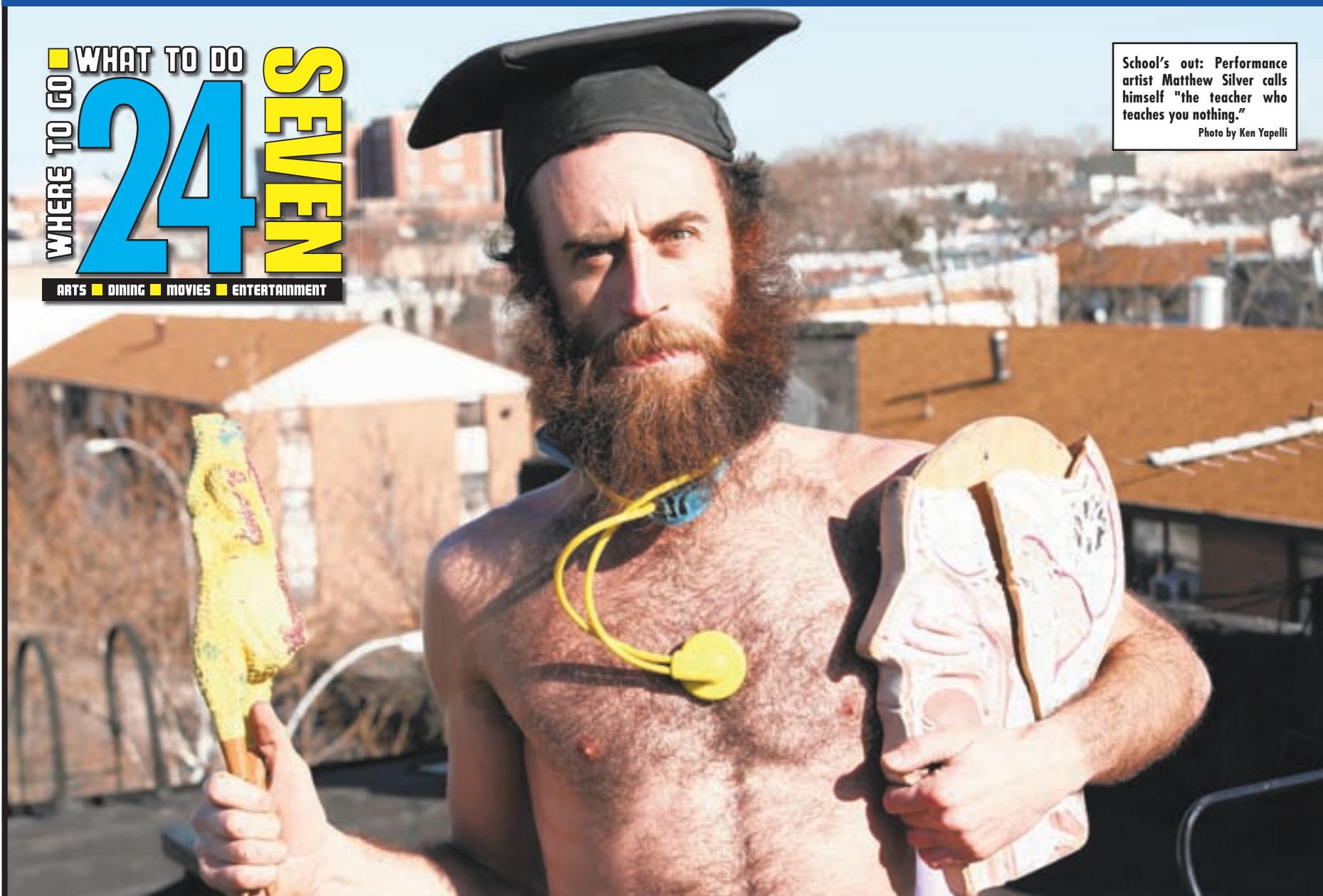
Bishop Kearney HS [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-6363].



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School's out: Performance artist Matthew Silver calls himself "the teacher who teaches you nothing."

Photo by Ken Yapelli



DUMB LOVE

Artist plays the village idiot to win hearts

By Danielle Furfaro

Sometimes, all you need is stupid.

Performance artist Matthew Silver has honed his improvisational "village idiot" act — including headless rubber chickens and fart noises — on the streets for years, in hopes of getting Brooklynites to stop being so darn smart and just enjoy themselves.

"My show is about getting people to use their hearts more than their brains," said Silver, whose regular appearances around the borough include performances at Goodbye Blue Monday, Muchmore's, and 3rdeyesolation.

"The brain tells you not to like things, but your heart is an energy source. My inspiration

is to try to open up the love portal through performance art."

One of Silver's more elaborate antics includes a cigarette pancake — where he tries to convince audience members to pretend to eat a cigarette as if it were a pancake.

Making an idiot out of himself is Silver's way of breaking through the audience's defenses.

"He's a true bouffant," said "Scary" Ben Doray, one of the producers of Bushwick Burlesque, where Silver performed last week. "He plays this village idiot character and uses a childlike innocence to convey a message. He's holding up a mirror to the audience."

In one evening's performance at the Bushwick Burlesque, Silver came off in turns

as confrontational and touching. The artist was not listed on the bill and instead planted himself in the audience. During the show's second set, he jumped onto the stage and launched a rant against negativity. Then he pulled out his signature headless rubber chicken and a children's chalkboard and, as it became more clear that he was part of the show, led the audience on a chorus of fart sounds.

Silver, 33, started his career in performance art when he was an undergrad at Ithaca College — though it may not have seemed like much of a career at the time.

"One day I got stoned and put on a dress and ran around people and they were cracking up," said Silver. "After that, I started experi-

menting on city streets."

Now that he's running his own shows, Silver scouts for interesting acts at his performance art open mics at 3rdeyesolation. A few shows back, he found a woman who made Hobbit references and then cut off her body hair and glued it to the top of her feet.

"A lot of people don't perform because they think they have to be so entertaining that they have a joke a minute," said Silver. "But you really just have to engage the audience and push yourself through the embarrassment."

Matthew Silver at Muchmore's [2 Havemeyer St. between N. Eighth and N. Ninth streets, (718) 576-3222, www.maninwhitedress.com]. Jan. 27, 7 pm, free.

Reaching for the starfish

Misery loves company — and fart jokes.

Comedians Dave Anthony and Greg Behrendt are cohosts of the podcast — or “Podcuddle,” as they call it — “Walking the Room.”

The show is a venue for the yucksters to share, with unabashed honesty and often immature humor, the everyday life a struggling, middle-aged comedian, and fans are gathering at the Bell House for the live version called “Starfish Circus.”

Anthony said the show’s success has partly been a result of being in the right place at the wrong time.

“I think the reason why we attracted fans is because there was a recession and things weren’t

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Pod cuddlers: Comics Dave Anthony and Greg Behrendt are inviting fans of their podcast “Walking the Room” to get know each other at a night of comedy and music at the Bell House.

Photo courtesy of Paul Armstrong

going so great,” said Anthony, who along with Behrendt will host the night of comedy and music.

“People enjoyed listening to two comedians talking about things falling apart, and being brutally honest about our lives and how it’s going.”

Their community of listeners soon grew into an online forum where fans can meet and share thoughts with the hosts. On the message board, titled “The Hotdog Thunderdome,” members trade anecdotes as well as the challenges of pursuing a career in the arts.

“It’s like an extended family,” said Anthony. “We will know a lot of people on the audience.”

This year’s performance promises to be another opportunity to celebrate the binding power of irreverence. Well-known comedians, Behrendt’s band, and a surprise guest drummer will join the comedians in Park Slope as they make light of adversity and getting older and hopefully encourage fledgling pranksters to keep at it.

“We want to encourage people to follow their dreams and do art and give it a shot,” said Anthony. “If a fan writes a book we are going to promote it and get a lot of eyes on it. We have a lot of people listening — so why not help?”

The Starfish Circus at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouse.com]. Feb. 2, 9 pm, \$20.

—Eric Dryden

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Roommate with a view

Craigslist — where you can meet your new roommate, buy a used car, or find the inspiration for your next novel.

Writer Rebecca Dana spent nearly a year living in Crown Heights with an Orthodox rabbi she met on the popular classified website after a fallout from a bad breakup — and this unintentionally uplifting living situation inspired her first book.

Dana says she was struck by the contrast between her world of covering fashion and lifestyle for Newsweek and the Daily Beast, and the world of Orthodox Judaism of her roommate — but that the alternative was not an option.

“I was so shipwrecked at this point of my life, and the idea of living with four girls in 250 square feet in SoHo made me want to kill myself,” said Dana, who will present her first novel “Jujitsu Rabbi and the Godless Blonde: A True Story” at BookCourt bookstore in Cobble Hill.

But rather than lingering on the differences between the two unlikely roommates, Dana says the book is about the crossroads each faced. He was a bass-playing, jujitsu-practicing “badass” Russian rabbi named Cosmo, who at times questioned his faith — as she questioned her own very different ideals.

“He called this our cultural exchange,” she said.

Dana said there was no big religious epiphany or conversion at the end of her time living in Crown Heights, but that she came away feeling

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Missed connections: Fashion writer Rebecca Dana spent a year living in Crown Heights with an Orthodox rabbi she met on Craigslist — and penned her first book about it.

Photo courtesy of Terry Gruber

more connected to the world.

“[Before] I had a very specific idea of who I wanted to be that was cobbled together from books and movies — ‘Sex in the City,’ Joan Didion, Tom Wolfe, and all of that,” she said. “But I realized that was all kind of individually focused. What that left out was a sense of myself as part of something bigger.”

Rebecca Dana in conversation with writer Emily Gould at BookCourt [163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677, www.bookcourt.com]. Jan. 28, 7 pm, free.

—Eli Rosenberg

Comics get no respect, or romance

They’ve been rejected by Hollywood — and love.

The annual celebration of St. Valentine, the Barry White of Catholicism, is the one day of the year when the “Rejection” in the popular comedy event, the “Rejection Show,” takes on a whole new meaning, according to host Jon Friedman.

“It works on two levels in that the show focuses more on show business and the rejection of writing, but on Valentine’s Day it’s all about the love side,” Friedman said.

The show typically features a whole range of comedic talent, from the up and coming, to “Saturday Night Live” sketch writers, to bona fide stars like Colin Quinn, but they’re all united by one common experience — rejection.

“There’s so many different



The road to rejection: Host Jon Friedman will share some of his infamous and ineffective pickup lines during the Valentine’s Day addition of the Rejection Show.

Photo by Brooke Connolly

reasons why they were rejected, but it usually boils down to two things; it’s either so bad that it’s funny, or it’s something really great that was overlooked,” said Friedman. “So, usually it’s either of those two extremes, and I find that anything in the middle is boring.”

But on Valentine’s Day,

these funny guys will riff on that particular brand of rejection that’s universal to average, ugly, and uninteresting people everywhere.

“Comedians will share breakup letters, stories about online dating, and general stories about love and heartache,” said Friedman. “They’ll even share letters from junior high.”

Fortunately, it’s not all about the feeling of being rejected. Friedman promised to share some pickup lines from the experts on rejection — that are guaranteed to get you rejected too.

“Do you drive a Prius?” Friedman asked. “Because up until now we’ve been pre-us.”

“The Rejection Show” at Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 855-3388, www.littlefieldnyc.com]. Feb. 14, 8 pm. \$10.

—Colin Mixson

Shakespeare under the tent

Nothing says “I love you” like tacos and dual suicide.

Williamsburg’s La Gringa Taqueria will host a free screening of Baz Luhrmann’s interpretation of the blood-drenched drama about teenage love “Romeo + Juliet,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio, under an authentic Army tent in the backyard of the Mexican restaurant in honor of the famed Feb. 14 holiday where couples re-affirm their love for each other — usually with chocolates and flowers.

“It’s a special, unique way to celebrate Valentine’s Day in a small and intimate environment,” said Adalis Velez, who runs the California-style Mexican food joint with her husband Henry Fernandez.

“Why not do something different with your loved one? You probably did everything else 100 times over.”

Love-struck attendees will be given a complimentary flute of champagne and a single red rose in celebration of the romance-infused holiday, said Velez.

As couples claim their seats at the picnic tables under the cozy tent, complete with a wood-burning stove for warmth, they will have the option to order the house-made Mexican grub infused with plantains right

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Love-struck: Couple Erica O’Sullivan and Jose Gomez are ready for a Valentine’s Day movie night of Baz Luhrmann’s “Romeo + Juliet” under an Army tent in the backyard of Williamsburg’s La Gringa Taqueria.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham

to their table, which is something the no-waiter service restaurant does not normally do.

“While guests drink their champagne and eat their tacos each of them will get their own blanket to snuggle up in and be cozy,” said Velez, the brainchild behind the Valentine’s Day extravaganza featuring star-corsed and confused lovers.

“Why not Romeo and Juliet? It’s like the ultimate love story,” she said. “This man would do anything to be with this woman that he’s not supposed to be with and so would she.”

The food, including burritos, tacos, quesadillas, and nachos will be full-price, but there will be plenty of discounted Mexican \$2 beers for couples looking to booze it up, and free cups of “spicy” Mexican hot chocolate and chocolate truffles.

Baz Luhrmann’s “Romeo + Juliet” at La Gringa Taqueria [800 Grand St. between Bushwick Avenue and Humboldt Street in Williamsburg, (718) 388-0055]. Feb. 14, 7:30 pm. Make sure to RSVP.

—Natalie Musumeci

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FRI, JAN. 25

EAST FAIR: Vendors needed - no jewelry please. The fair is on March 16 and 17. 9 am-5 pm. Our Lady of Grace Church [Ave. W at E. 3rd Street in Gravesend (718) 376-8294].

PHOTOGRAPHY, SUNSET PARK'S TWO CULTURES: Photographer Larry Siegel presents a sampling of his current project depicting the life of Asian and Hispanic immigrants in Sunset Park, both neighborhood and park. **Free.** 10 am-6 pm. Sunset Park Public Library [5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st Street in Sunset Park (718) 965-6533] www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

TODDLER TIME: Barnyard buddies is suitable for 2 and 3 year olds. Children enjoy nature play, counting and sing-a-longs. Registration required. (Session A and Session B). \$150 (\$125 members) for whole series. 10-11 am and 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Prospect Park Zoo [450 Flatbush Ave. at Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park (718) 399-7339] www.prospectpark-zoo.com.

"THE AFRICAN DRUM": Presented by the Shadowbox Theater. Puppets bring the wit, wisdom and humor of African folk tales to life. \$15. 10:30 am. The Bedford Village School, PS 3 [50 Jefferson Ave. at Franklin Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant (212) 724-0677] www.shadowboxtheatre.org.

BARCLAYS CENTER, DISNEY ON ICE: Presenting, "Treasure Trove," bringing to life your favorite Disney stories with the artistry of ice skating to create an unforgettable experience. TBA. 1 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Fort Greene, (212) 359-6387] www.barclayscenter.com.

BROOKLYN FOR PEACE: Lawyer and journalist Chase Madar will read from his book, The Passion of Bradley Manning. **Free.** 6:30 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint (718) 383-0096] www.word-brooklyn.com.

MUSIC, MISSA PANGAEA: One Text, Three Cultural Perspectives: Under the direction of Jason Asbury, the Grace and Spiritus Chorale of Brooklyn presents the concert. \$15 (\$12 students). 7 pm. All Saints Church (286-88 Seventh Ave. at Seventh Street in Park Slope), www.graceandspiritus.org.

PHOTOGRAPHY, CANADIAN EXCHANGE: Pierogi is pleased to present an exhibition of large-scale photographs and a video by Canadian artist Isabelle Hayeur, as part of the Brooklyn Montreal exchange organized between eight Brooklyn and eight Canadian galleries and institutions. **free.** 7-9 pm. Pierogi Gallery [177 N. Ninth St. in Williamsburg (718) 599-2144] www.pierogi2000.com.

FILMS, VINTAGE CARTOON

CARNIVAL: For a glimpse into past visions of the seasons as depicted by the merry-makers of early film animation, come enjoy the latest screening--shown in real 16mm film, with a real projector--a unique experience you'll be sure to enjoy! \$12. 7:30-9:30 pm. The Observatory [543 Union St. at Nevins Street in Gowanus] www.atlasobscura.com/events/obscura-society-nyc-thomas-stathes-cartoon-carnival.

ART, PORTRAITS OF MLK: The exhibit is based upon the featured artists' rendition of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., some of whom personally met Dr. King. Gallery tours by appointment only. 9 pm. Medgar Evers College [1638 Bedford Ave. (718) 270-4920].

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MUSIC, MISSA PANGAEA: One Text, Three Cultural Perspectives: Under the direction of Jason Asbury, the Grace and Spiritus Chorale of Brooklyn presents the concert. \$15 (\$12 students). 7 pm. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church (85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene), www.graceandspiritus.org.

STORY TIME: Michelle Knudsen: Michelle Knudsen read her book Library Lion at Greenlight's very first story time back in 2009 - and now she's back with another Greenlight favorite, Big Mean Mike! **Free.** 11 am. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene (718) 246-0200] greenlightbookstore.com.

WORKSHOP, SELF DEFENSE FOR PRE-TEENS: This new course includes activities geared towards this age group of 10 to 12 years. Discussions on safety, violence prevention techniques, and verbal/physical self-defense strategies in a non-competitive atmosphere. **Free.** 12:30-2:30 pm. Center for Anti-Violence Education [327 Seventh St. in Prospect Park (718) 788-1775] www.caeny.org.

"THE PRINCE AND THE MAGIC FLUTE": Puppetworks presents the comic adventure, based on the classic Mozart opera. The tale is of the brave prince and a bird catcher, who attempt to try and rescue the princess. Recommended for children 3 years old and older. \$8 (\$9 adults). 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope (718) 965-3391] www.puppetworks.org.

SUBWAY TRIVIA: Which is the biggest, longest and tallest? Children of all ages learn fun facts about the NYC subway system. **Free** with museum admission. 1:30 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

JAZZ CONCERT: Pianist and composer Nicki Dennerand and her Latino trio perform jazz



Small things: The cherished children's classic "The Little Prince" returns with cast of puppets, multimedia projects and original music at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College Jan. 25.

and dance selections. \$15 (\$10 students). 8 pm. East Midwood Jewish Center [1625 Ocean Ave. between Avenues K and L in Midwood, (718) 338-3800].

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MUSIC, FAMILY-FRIENDLY LIVE MUSIC: The Kidrockers series continues with Caveman. Children under two get in free! \$20. 11 am. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, MILLS TRILLS: The community-based children's music series returns for a third year to celebrate families and children in Brooklyn. \$15. 3 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus (718) 855-3388] www.littlefieldnyc.com.

MUSIC, CHAMBER CONCERT: The Catalyst Quartet performs contemporary music. \$20 (\$10 students TDF accepted). 3 pm. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Ave. in Fort Greene, (718) 855-3053].

MUSIC, MISSA PANGAEA: One Text, Three Cultural Perspectives: Under the direction of Jason Asbury, the Grace and Spiritus Chorale of Brooklyn presents the concert. \$15 (\$12 students). 4 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse [38 Water St. at Dock Street in DUMBO (718) 254-8779] www.graceandspiritus.org.

MUSIC, NEW YORK CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: Alan Kay, Eliot Bailen and Margaret Kampmeier perform Beethoven's Trio. **Free.** 4 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in

Park Slope (718) 230-2100] www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

SUNDAYS@SENESH: For newborns to preschoolers, includes open play in gym, guided play in music and movement, led by a early childhood instructor. \$15. 9 am-noon. Hannah Senesh Community Day School [342 Smith St. between First and Second place in Carroll Gardens (718) 858-8663].

TODDLER TIME: Barnyard buddies is suitable for 2 and 3 year olds. Children enjoy nature play, counting and sing-a-longs. Registration required. (Session A and Session B). \$150 (\$125 members) for whole series. 10-11 am and 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Prospect Park Zoo [450 Flatbush Ave. at Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park (718) 399-7339] www.prospectpark-zoo.com.

THEATRESPOITS: Freestyle Repertory Theatre is bringing improv to a new level and adding children to the mix. Groups of teens challenge each other to create scenes on the spot. Come with your children and have as much fun as they do. \$10 (Parents free). Noon. Gallery Players [199 14th St., between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], galleryplayers.com.

BOOK FAIR: Books for all ages and all styles, along with face painting and food. **Free.** 1-4 pm. The Bay Ridge Jewish Center [405 81st St. and Fourth Ave. in Bay Ridge (718) 836-3103].

SUBWAY TRIVIA: 1:30 pm. See Saturday, Jan. 26.

"THE LITTLE PRINCE": The cherished children's classic with cast of puppets, multimedia projects and original music. For children 8 to 80. \$7. 2 pm. Brooklyn

Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd., between Amersfort Place and Kenilworth Place in Midwood (718) 951-4500] www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

COMEDY: Talent booker for "Pretty Good Friends" and producer of the "Eugene Mirman Comedy Festival," Caroline Craghead is taking over weekly Sunday comedy shows at Union Hall with her own show: Craghead & Company. \$7. 7:30 PM. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope (718) 638-4400] www.unionhallny.com.

MON, JAN. 28

ENTERTAINMENT, ROCK AND ROLL GHOSTS: Author Ian Svenonius will put on a performance where he channels the spirits of dead rock stars to discuss key issues regarding the evolution of rock and roll music to celebrate the release of his new book, "Supernatural Strategies for Making a Rock 'n' Roll Group." 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint (718) 383-0096] www.wordbrooklyn.com.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the Orlando Magic. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387] www.BarclaysCenter.com.

MUSIC, BARBERSHOP CHORUS REHEARSALS: Sweet Adelines Women's group. **Free.** 7:30-10 pm. (917) 836-4304 www.harmonize.com/brooklyn.

TUES, JAN. 29

"THE AFRICAN DRUM": 10:30 am. See Friday, Jan. 25.

WACKY TUESDAYS: Yeah it's back children 5 years old and younger explore art, science and culture in a fun and exciting way. **Free** with museum admission. 11:30 am. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

FILM, "THE PUBLIC ENEMY": Classic James Cagney crime drama. **Free.** 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope (718) 230-2100] www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

DISCUSSION, NEW MEMOIR: New York Times columnist Rosie Schaap will present her new memoir, "Drinking with Men," and will discuss being a woman in an almost exclusive male world of bar regulars and her wondrous travels. Schaap will take questions and sign books. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096] www.word-brooklyn.com.

DISCUSSION, AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR DISCUSSES LATEST BOOK: Author Emily Raboteau will discuss her latest book, "Searching for Zion: The Quest for Home in the African Diaspora." 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlight-bookstore.com.

WED, JAN. 30

DANCE CLASS: The Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn (FIAO) is again sponsoring its popular free ballroom dance instruction for teens and seniors alike in its ballroom dance classes on Wednesday nights. Special bonus: the instructor will be Carmine "Big Screecher" Santa Maria. **Free.** 6 pm. I.S. 96 [99 Avenue P, between W. 11th and W. 12th streets in Gravesend, (718) 232-2266].

WORKSHOP, HOW TO WRITE A SHORT: A comprehensive introduction to screenwriting and how a script is used by all departments as the 'blueprint' for making a film. \$80. 6:00pm. Brooklyn Young Filmmakers Center [143 Waverly Ave. in Clinton Hill (718) 935-0490] www.wearebyfc.org.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATE THE BLOG: Join blogger and literary powerhouse David Gutowski in celebrating the 11th anniversary of Large-hearted Boy. 7 pm. Word Bookstore [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint (718) 383-0096] www.wordbrooklyn.com.

DANCE, DANCE AT BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC: Renowned choreographer Trisha Brown and the Trisha Brown Dance Company return to BAM. Starts at \$20. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene (718) 636-4100] www.bam.org.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL:

The Brooklyn Nets take on the Miami Heat. Starting at \$15. 8 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387] www.BarclaysCenter.com.

COMEDY: Greg Johnson performs live. \$5. 8 PM. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

THURS, JAN. 31

MUSIC, LIVE MUSIC: Join the Kopecky Family Band and Eastern Sea for a night of down-home, southern country songs. \$10. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

DANCE, DANCE AT BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC: 7:30 pm. See Wednesday, Jan. 30.

DISCUSSION, FOOD STAR DISCUSSES NEW MEMOIR: Renowned chef Eddie Huang of Baohaus, an East Village Taiwanese street food eatery, will discuss his new book, "Fresh Off the Boat: A Memoir." There will be food from BaoHaus 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

BINGO: Join Dick and Perry for some hot bingo action. \$5-per-card. 8 PM. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, ?UESTLOVE: Join The Roots' drummer ?uestlove for his weekly DJ set. \$8. 10:30 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg (718) 963-3369] www.brooklynbowl.com.

FRI, FEB. 1

ART WORKS: Little Picasso's explore their artistic side. Free with museum admission. 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, KARAOKE: Brooklyn Bowl brings back hip-hop karaoke. Rap your heart out! \$8. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

BARCLAYS, NBA BASKETBALL: The Brooklyn Nets take on the Chicago Bulls. Starting at \$15. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Flatbush Avenue in Downtown, (212) 359-6387] www.BarclaysCenter.com.

SAT, FEB. 2

MUSIC, LIVE MUSIC: Strange Design covers Phish's "The Rift" in its entirety. \$7. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg (718) 963-3369] www.brooklynbowl.com.

BAMKIDS FILM FESTIVAL: The 15th annual festival showcases films tailored to children ages 2 to 10 years old. There will be 76 films from 24 countries. \$12 (\$9 children under 13; \$9 for seniors: \$7 members) Per Screening. 10 am - 2 pm. BAM Rose Cinemas [30 Lafayette Ave. and Ashland Place in Fort Greene (718) 777-FILM (3456)] www.bam.org/

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READING, CHILDREN'S STORY TIME: Ezra Jack Keats' beloved classic, "The Snowy Day," will be read to children, ages three to eight, at the weekly story time event at the Greenlight Bookstore. Along with the reading there will be special coloring and game activities related to the picture book. 11 am. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene (718) 246-0200] greenlightbookstore.com.

TRANSIT TIME TRAVEL: Children 4 years and older learn how life was back in 1913 as they explore the toys, food, dress and transportation of that day. Free with museum admission. 1:30 pm. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600], www.mta.info/mta/museum.

"FUEL YOUR BODY FOR SUCCESS": Dr. Vincent Adamo leads a lively workshop that will change your life. Learn all about a total Food Makeover and learn how to maximize your living and how to eat your way to success. **Free.** 2 pm. The New York Sports Club [7118 Third Ave. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge (718) 921-5483] www.liveholisticbayridge.com.

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AFTER SCHOOL EXPO: Parents with school aged children have an opportunity to meet with summer camp and after-school program representatives. **Free.** 2-5 pm. PS 321 (180 Seventh Ave. between First and Second streets in Park Slope) www.ps321pta.squarespace.com.

GROUNDHOG DAY: Children 5 years old and younger learn if there will be six more weeks of winter and what makes groundhogs so special. Free with museum admission. 2:30-3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights (718) 735-4400] www.brooklynkids.org.

YOUTHWORKS PERFORMANCE: Plays, dances, poetry and original songs by young artists 7 to 18 years old. \$5 at the door. 7 pm. BAX - Brooklyn Arts Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. in South Slope (718) 832-0018] www.bax.org.

DANCE PARTY: A traveling, Brooklyn-based party that mixes party classics from the 90s with fun, sexy, and approachable house tracks all put together for the express purpose of making you party with a big smile on your face. **Free.** 10 PM. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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South African play debuts at BAM and it's a hit

By Vinson Cunningham
Apartheid-era South Africa is the true leading character in this tale of a husband and wife torn apart. By artfully interspersing tales of the senseless violence and death of those tumultuous times — seemingly unconnected to its central domestic drama — “The Suit” offers relentless reminders of the powerful and dangerous forces haunting this adaptation of Can Themba’s story, directed by the acclaimed Peter Brook, and making its U.S. debut.

The play depicts a man named Philemon, who, cuckolded by his wife Matilda, casts aside his hard-earned respectability and devises a cruelly clever punishment involving the empty suit of Matilda’s lover. The suit — omnipresent, at Philemon’s demand — stands as a potent symbol of the outside world’s invasion of their small home.

In keeping with Brook’s reputation for minimalism, the production trades visual excess — lush set design, elaborate costumes, even simple props like plates and silverware — for an undiluted version of that rare item, the well-told story.

The show comes in at under an hour and a half long, achieving the density and economy usually reserved for the best short stories.

The members of the small ensemble function as storytellers of the most versa-



Arm in arm: Nonhlanhla Kheswa plays the lead female role of Matilda in “The Suit,” a play that takes place in apartheid-era South Africa.

Photo by Richard Termine

tile kind. Each is part character actor, part campfire troubadour, part “Our Town”-style audience-engaging narrator. Their skillful performances, flitting between darkly comic detachment and tragic intensity, give the show a myth’s moral heft.

Nonhlanhla Kheswa, a longtime Brooklyn resident, ably conveys Matilda’s unique mix of desperation and quiet

faith — especially through song — while William Nadylam plays Philemon with intelligence and a sly, menacing wit. Jared McNeill’s unadorned rendition of “Strange Fruit” fills two of the play’s most arresting minutes.

A similarly understated and effective instrumental underpinning lends the proceedings another layer of emotional texture. Arthur Astier (guitar), Raphael Chambouvet (piano, accordion), and David Dupuis (trumpet) form a spare, nimble trio whose interjections into the play’s action are a kind of blues-inflected echo of the madcap cartoon soundtracks of the 40s and 50s. A song near the play’s end — helped along by several unsuspecting audience members, ushered onstage — serves as one of its most purely joyful moments.

Indeed, the play’s greatest strength is in these moments of joy — Brook and his performers subtly insist upon the presence of hope, even in the darkest times. This does nothing to erase the bleak reality chasing Philemon and Matilda, but it does make “The Suit” a bracing, human parable — and a can’t-miss event.

Peter Brook’s “The Suit” at Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100, www.bam.org]. Opens Jan. 17, 7:30 pm, through Feb. 2.

New eatery Battersby is hard to beat

By Will Levitt
Make yourself at home, but don’t get too comfortable. The new and already popular restaurant Battersby on Smith Street is a crammed, seven-table affair with easygoing service and the kind of casual, exposed-brick, candle-lit, “welcome to my living room” feel Brooklynites have come to expect from many of the borough’s new restaurants — but the elegance of the food will surprise.

“It’s an elevated dining experience in casual situation,” said Joseph Ogradnek, who co-owns and co-chefs Battersby with longtime friend and business partner Walker Stern.

The meal began with an amuse bouche of celery root and chestnut soup, a perfectly nutty, buttery sip that warmed the palate, along with a house-made rosemary focaccia and light, milky whipped ricotta.

It was the kitchen’s way of way of saying, “you’re in for something special” — and the kitchen is never without its chefs.

“We’re here all the time,” said Ogradnek, “so every single plate and each component of each plate is touched by us. It’s really a part of us.”

The small, open kitchen, which is tucked into the back corner of the dining



Co-co for high-end dining: (Left to right) Co-owners and co-founders of the new Cobble Hill restaurant Battersby, Joseph Ogradnek and Walker Stern work together in their humble kitchen every night.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

room, continued to impress as each course arrived, the next being an appetizer of roasted broccoli with pecorino, lemon, and watercress highlighted the deep, earthy flavors of the broccoli — it was not your mother’s steamed version. Next came a single, gently cooked veal sweetbread with baby romaine, Caesar dressing, capers, and a dousing of crunchy breadcrumbs. The dish made eating sweetbreads taste so familiar — and so good.

Everything the restaurant serves — from the bread and pasta to the charcuterie and ice cream — is made in-house.

A dish of pappardelle with duck ragu and olives was rich and filling. The was pasta thick and eggy and well matched with the buttery ragu. The real standout was a bowl of steaming rigatoni — carried by smoky bacon, Brussels sprouts, arugula and breadcrumbs — which highlighted Battersby’s ability to elevate the familiar to high art through serious skill and attention to detail.

Other entrees include an inventive short rib pastrami and a decadent roasted lobster with pearl onions and coral sauce.

Battersby isn’t cheap, but you could get away with a full meal for less than you’d spend at many Manhattan restaurants offering the same level of food. And this time, you won’t have to leave Brooklyn.

“We really like the neighborhood,” said Ogradnek.

“We use quality ingredients, we put a lot of work into it, and people really appreciate it.”

Battersby [255 Smith St. between Douglass and Degraw streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 852-8321, www.battersbybrooklyn.com]. Mon.–Sat. 5:30–11 pm, Sun. 5:30–10 pm.



The best reads
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WORD’s pick: “Goblin Secrets” by William Alexander

This dreamy National Book Award-winning middle grade fantasy is about a town where acting is strictly forbidden — except, sort of, for goblins. Rownie, an orphan, is tired of being an errand boy for the witch Graba, who commands a small host of lost children. When a goblin troupe appears, Rownie is drawn to their illicit craft, their masks, and the allure of being on stage. “Goblin Secrets,” for all its magic, is an elusive, internal story, the kind that you feel your way through rather than the kind you puzzle out — with more staying power than you might initially expect.

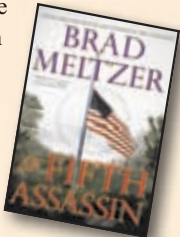
— Molly Templeton, *WORD* [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].



The BookMark Shoppe’s pick: “The Fifth Assassin” by Brad Meltzer

Beecher White, an archivist at the National Archives has stumbled across a conspiracy — a conspiracy dating back to John Wilkes Booth. Can it be possible that all of the assassination attempts on the Presidents of the United States have been linked? It seems unlikely until Beecher stumbles upon evidence suggesting there is someone attempting to murder the current president linked to the past four successful assassinations. Another fast-paced thriller by Meltzer, and definitely recommended for fans of Dan Brown, Steve Berry and Brad Thor.

— Bina Valenzano, co-owner, *The BookMark Shoppe* [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, www.bookmarkshoppe.com].



Greenlight Bookstore’s pick: “Inbetween Days” by Andrew Porter

This was a solid novel from the author of “The Theory of Light and Matter.” The characters draw the reader into a story fraught with tragedy and tension, and yet their actions come across as business as usual. An engaging book that can stand solidly on its own narrative, no bells and whistles, no plot twists are necessary to keep you moving along In Between Days.

— Brette R. Weinkle, *Greenlight Bookstore* [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com].



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and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint. Defendants. **MORTG NO: 00023733800-8530** SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS SUPREME COURT INDEX NO: 9591/10 Date Filed: 4/19/10 BLOCK 8060 LOT 1146 Plaintiff designates KINGS County as place of trial. Plaintiff's Address: 18 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 7100, WOBURN, MA 01801. Property Address: 1216 EAST 82ND STREET, UNIT 102, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. TO EACH OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the verified complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the verified complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the verified complaint. DATED: August 30, 2012 Yours, etc.

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Order of the Hon. Bernadette Bayne, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, dated Oct. 19, 2012, and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office, Brooklyn, NY. The object of the action is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in said Clerk's Office on the 12th day of October, 2006 in CRFN 2006000570714, covering prem. k/a 1216 East 82nd St., Unit 102, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a being part of a condominium in the Borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Unit Number 102 and Parking Space Number 51, together with a .5693 percent undivided interest in the common elements of the Condominium hereinafter referred to. The real property above described is a unit shown on the plans of a condominium prepared and certified by DiFiore, Giacobbe and Associates, Registered Architects, and filed in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, Kings County, on the 6th day of January 1988 as Map Number 4653 as defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled, The Brook Club Condominium made by Sidan Realty Corporation under Article 9-B of the New York Real Property Law dated Nov. 3, 1987 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, Kings County on the 6th day of January



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1988 in Reel 2151 Page 882. Dated: Jan. 2, 2013. CULLEN & DYKMAN, Attys. for Pltf. #82197

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239 14TH STREET LLC App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/10/2012. LLC was organized in DE on 11/19/2012. Office in Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to c/o Laura S. Hobgood, 184 State St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. Required office at c/o BlumbergExcelsior Corp., Services, Inc., 1220 N. Market St., Ste. 606, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Org. filed with SSDE, 401 Federal St., Dover DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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6749 REALTY LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 6749 5th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes.

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693 UNION STREET LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 12/13/2012. Off. Loc.: KINGS Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of

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process to The LLC, Nicholas Kotsonis, 808 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 01/18/2013, bearing Index Number NC-000073-13/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Christine (Last) Su. My present name is (First) Ho Yan (Last) Wong AKA Hoyan Wong. My present address is 1641 West 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. My place of birth is Hong Kong China. My date of birth is November 04, 1983.

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Notice of Formation of Kiwi Estates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/11/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Uzma Khan, 6416 11th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: FIRST FINANCIAL INVESTMENT FUND IV, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with

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Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/01/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O CT Corporation System, 111 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 4918 YIM, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 4914 8th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Not-a-Box Media Lab LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/12. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2209 Bay Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 314 PARK SLOPE REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/16/2008. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC, 706 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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All Hallows falls to Bishop Ford boys 51–38

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bishop Ford broke out after a lethargic first half and earned a comfortable 51–38 win over visiting All Hallows Catholic boys basketball last Wednesday night.

For most of the first and second quarters, Falcons coach Denis Nolan was pleading with his team to pick up the energy and match All Hallows' intensity on both ends of the floor.

The boys finally showed a spark late in the second quarter. Ford (11–4, 4–2) closed the frame with a 9–2 run and trailed just 19–14 at the half.

The spurt gave Nolan a feeling things were about to go his team's way. His team went up 30–27 on a bucket by center Joshua Blagrove with 2:44 left in the third quarter and never looked back.

"I told them when you go out there to start the second half, it's got to continue," he said. "You've got to keep that momentum going."

Ford never let up and tightened up on defense. Damani Campbell, who scored all eight of his points in the second half, helped hold All Hallows star guard Ethan Hamlet, who had scored 12 points in the first half, to just two points after the break.

The Gaels, one of the Class A league's top teams, scored just nine points in the fourth quarter.

The defensive stand helped Ford earn a second straight win after falling to division-leading Nazareth last Saturday.



PASS IT: Bishop Ford's Daquian Youngblood attempts to pass the ball during the Falcon's home court win over All Hallows on Jan. 16.

Photo by Elizabeth Graham



TAKE THE SHOT: Xaverian's Lamel Faison tries to shoot around Bishop Loughlin players.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Sick player rallies to win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bishop Loughlin guard Mike Williams was feeling so light headed and dizzy that Lions coach Ed Gonzalez sat him to start the third quarter and considered not playing him again.

Williams convinced him otherwise and proceeded to leave Xaverian feeling ill instead.

The senior scored 17 of his 18 points in the second half, including five 3-pointers to help break up a tight game and lead Loughlin to a 70–48 victory over the host Clippers in Brooklyn-Queens boys basketball on Friday night. He said he felt like a true superstar during the second half.

"I felt like Michael Jordan and his flu game," Williams said, referring to Game Five of the 1997 NBA finals, when Jordan scored 38 points against the Utah Jazz while allegedly suffering from the effects of the virus. "I need to be sick more often."

But he didn't do it all on his own.

Gonzalez asked his team to turn things up defensively after the break, hoping to create transition points against a Xaverian team that struggles handling the ball.

"We got to get in our style of basketball, which is getting it and running," Gonzalez said. "It finally happened."

Xaverian, which led by five with a minute left to play in the second quarter, lamented its missed first-half free throws. Coach Jack Alesi felt his young team competed well with one of the league's elite squads outside of the 13–0 third quarter run and 15–0 spurt to close the game.

"You can't let Loughlin get into a flow like that," Alesi said. "We are not a great ball-handling team and they pressured Lamel [Fasion]."

Sayon Charles paced Xaverian (9–6, 3–6) with

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Bonnies take lead

BY ROB ABRUZZESE

Fontbonne Hall's Cindy Henderson had to slow down to deliver the Bonnies an important win.

Henderson failed to convert four fast-break lay-ups after steals during Fontbonne's 38-35 home win over Bishop Kearney last Wednesday night, which prompted coach Steve Oliver to tell his star guard to pull up for jump shots instead.

Henderson listened and went on to hit three key jumpers in the final five minutes, including a 3-pointer from the left corner with less than 2:00 to play, which sealed the victory.

"She redeemed herself at the end of the game," Oliver said of Henderson, who led her team with 16 points.

Bishop Kearney came into the game at 6-0 in the division and Fontbonne (5-5, 4-1) needed to win to pull even in the standings.

Kearney's sophomore forward Jennifer Kaye made life tough on the Bonnies, until she got into foul trouble in the second half.

Kristen Ferrigno lead Kearney with 11 points. Fontbonne is still playing without forward Kristen Sullivan, who could miss two more weeks because of an ankle injury.

It's made playing interior defense more of a chore.

"Jen is definitely a good player and we couldn't let one possession down, we had to be on her every possession," said Fontbonne guard Kate Oliver, the coach's daughter. "Without Kristen Sullivan it hurts because she's an animal down low."

Bonnies players are hoping they can use this game as motivation for



IN CONTROL: Fontbonne Hall Academy's Kate Oliver tries to make her way around a Bishop Kearney player during Wednesday's game.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

the rest of the season.

So far, Oliver says he has not been satisfied with the way they have played, but explained that he saw a lot of positives in game. He feels a win like this can really help his girls' confidence level.

"I consider us one of the top teams when we're playing on all cylinders," Oliver said. "We're still hurting a little bit with Sullivan not playing. But when we're on all cylinders and shooting [well], then we can contend with the top teams."

Ford

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They players felt beating All Hal-lows (8-5, 2-3) was an important win.

"It's a confidence booster," said Ford guard Devon Dingle, who scored 13 points. "We knew they were a good team. We don't want to lose any more in the division."

Blagrove dominated in the paint and finished with 14 points and Dingle added 13. Nolan was very happy with Campbell's second half.

He scored attacking the basket and hit a fourth-quarter 3-pointer to put Ford up 42-31 with 5:05 left in the game.

"It was kind of like his coming out

party," Nolan said of Campbell.

The coach feels his team is playing well again after losing to Nazareth.

He said there was no gloom and doom because they finished that game strong.

Instead, it has raised its level of

play since.

"They played that game with different intensity," Nolan said. "We have kind of been getting that back. We have been playing with more intensity."

Loughlin

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15 points, and Fasion and Joseph Dello Russo each had 11. The Clippers played without center Latiek Laney because he was suspended for a violation of team rules.

Loughlin (12-2, 5-2), which hit 11

3-pointers in the game, got 18 points from Khadeen Carrington and a strong second half from Javian Delacruz (12 points).

The win was a good bounce back for Loughlin after a disappointing loss to Archbishop Molloy last week — a defeat that some players said taught them a valuable lesson.

"That made us more humble," Williams said. "It woke us up a little bit."

Blocked shot: The untold story

I will not be writing about Brooklyn's biggest and most important girls basketball event this year because I've been banned from attending the games, and I cannot report on what I am not allowed to see.

That's too bad, because the Rose Classic Super Jam, which has a big-name sponsor in Nike, is a newsworthy event.

It features 41 of the best high school girls basketball squads from up and down the East Coast, including the top squads in New York City.

They play in 29 individual games over four days. The event is aimed at giving players looking to earn an athletic scholarship a chance to play in front of college coaches from all levels that otherwise wouldn't have an opportunity to see them in action.

But I can't write about all those great things because the event's organizer, Anton Marchand, sent down marching orders to stop me at the door.

Why? Apparently he doesn't believe a reporter should write the truth.

Last June, I filed a report about a brawl that occurred during a Rose Classic summer league playoff game, and that didn't sit well with Marchand.

Marchand downplayed the fight at the time and demanded I leave out the facts about the melee. But I did my job and reported the truth.

The next day, I got a text message from Bishop Ford High School coach Mike Toro, who helps run the event that takes place at his school, telling me I was not allowed to attend anymore Rose Classic-branded events, including its summer classic event for travel ball teams in July.

I attempted to talk to Marchand when I saw him in December during a boys basketball game at



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Joe Staszewski

Bishop Loughlin, and he blew me off.

"I have nothing to say to you," he said. "Get away from me."

Apparently, I'm not the only one who is on Marchand's banned list.

Reporter Mitch Abramson told me that he too was told he could not attend the Super Jam, after Toro claimed he had been misquoted by the Daily News staffer earlier in the month. Abramson refuted that claim, saying he had a tape-recorder interview with the coach that backed up his reporting.

The losers in this battle are the girls, who can benefit greatly from the exposure that only a free press can give them — especially when they do something great.

Sure, my colleagues and I write about bad sportsmanship when we see it clearly — but there's a lesson in that as well. Isn't understanding that your actions have consequences the essence of good sportsmanship?

I would have loved have written about this event, and put a spotlight on all the good that could come out of it.

But they wouldn't let me.

Joe Staszewski has covered high school and college sports in Brooklyn for more than five years.



He shoots

Manhattan Knicks guard Iman Shumpert defends as Nets guard Joe Johnson shoots during Brooklyn's exciting 88-85 win at Madison Square Garden on Monday. Johnson had 25 points for the Nets, who evened their season series with the hated rivals.

Associated Press / Kathy Willens

New coach for Xaverian

Joe DeSiena out, Mike Jioia coaching football

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Xaverian High School has fired its varsity football coach after a 2-7 season and replaced him with a former Clippers assistant.

Joe DeSiena, an alum of the school who twice led the X-Men to the Catholic High School Football League Class AAA semifinals, said he was let go because he failed to meet a requirement to earn a master's degree in Social Studies, which he had taught at the school until this year.

Without the master's, he was not allowed to teach at the school — something that he said adversely affected his ability to coach.

"I really didn't feel I was in a position to make the impact that I have been making the last couple of years," said DeSiena, who claimed he is now in graduate school seeking the degree.

Xaverian officials an-



NEW GUY IN CHARGE: Mike Jioia has replaced Joe DeSiena as Xaverian varsity football coach.

Courtesy of Xaverian High School

nounced last Thursday that Mike Jioia, who was the team's offensive coordinator in 2005

and 2006, is the new coach.

Jioia, who holds a master's in education, has coached at Tottenville High School, William Paterson University, and the Globe Institute of Technology. He also manages the New York Police Department semi-pro team. The former teacher's assistant at the school was promoted to a full-time teaching position upon being named coach.

"I've coached 18-, 19- and 20-year olds," said Jioia, a retired police officer. "Now it's giving me a chance to go back and work with 14- and 15-year-olds, and teach them what I've learned."

Junior offensive lineman Dean Oswald said he is disappointed DeSiena is leaving.

"I think we are going to miss him as a program," Oswald said. "He brought in talented players that improved our team substantially."

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2 FAMILY!!!!
3 BEDROOM DUPLEX
PLUS 3 BEDROOM
RENTAL,
PLUS BASEMENT.
LOW 500'S



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Bergen Beach
Sun 1/27/13 1-3 PM
2246 East 70th Street
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CANARSIE
Sat, 1/26/13, 1-3 PM
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(Flatlands & Ave J)
GREAT LOCATION!!!!
Beautiful 3 Bedroom Duplex, LR & DR, Bath w/ Double Sink, Sep. Ent. to Master Bed, HWF thru out, 2 BR & Studio apt in bsmnt. Mid 500's



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1-3PM 1275 East 51
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Marine Park Open House
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3232 Whitney Ave.
(Burnett St)
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Midwood
Open House
Sunday Jan. 27th
12:00pm-3:00pm
2989 Bedford Ave
Bet Ave H & Ave I
2 family fully det., brick. 6 over 6 + full fin bsmt. Parquet flrs., high ceilings, private driveway, 2 car garage. Already vacant. Bldg Size: 27' x 65' Property Size: 40' x 100' Asking \$995,000
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OLD MILL BASIN
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY 1/26
FROM 1-4 PM
1718 EAST 54th ST.
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Sunday, 1/27/13
1-4 PM
3194 Ave V
(Burnett & Stuart St)
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Mill Basin
Sun 1/27/13 1-3 PM
2723 East 66th
Street-56th Dr &
National Dr
DETACHED CUSTOM 40x100 1 family, 4 bdrms, 3 gorgeous baths, large gourmet kitchen, hard wood flrs, plenty of closets, sliders to patio & lovely manicured yard, 1 car garage, 3 car private parking
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Sun, Jan. 27, 1-3PM
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Sun, Jan. 27TH
1-3PM
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1-4 PM
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1PM-3PM
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Mill Basin
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#3N-Ave N/Ave T
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1760 RYDER ST**
3 BR Duplex, FDR,
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parquet floors,
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drive. RG1125..... \$340s
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bsmt, 2 bths, nice rear yd, 1 car gar
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BR, Att. Brk, LR, DR, 2 bths, 1 car
garage. BT1056 \$470s
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- 2 BR over 1 BR, lg rear yd, full bsmt,
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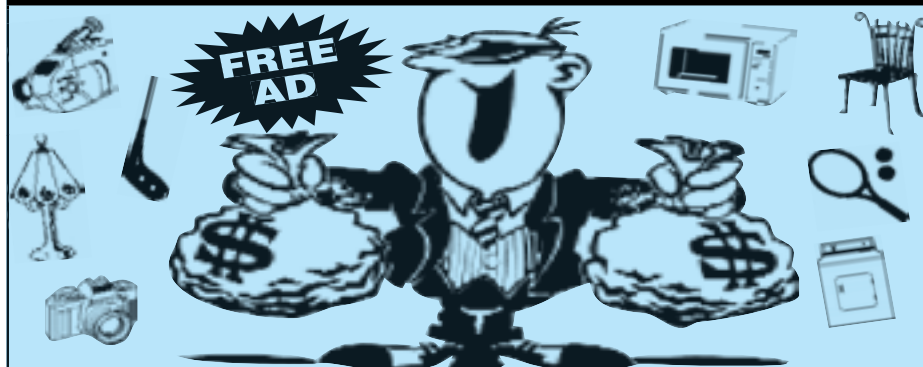
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